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Box 22

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General Correspondence

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Taunton March 8th 1842

R. M. Vatten Esq.

Director M. Unit.

Dear Sir -

We annex bill
of planchets, shipped to Sch. Davenport
amounting to \$4,139.52.

The bill we have accepted
I will thank you to forward us by the
return of the above named Schooner, say
two thousand dollars in cash - & the remainder
of our bill say, \$2,139.52 - to Messrs. A. & J.
Orliff, for cash in a bond, to New York.

We shall like the above in
keys of about \$100 each -

Very Respectfully
We remain
Yours.
Josiah Brooks

Legation of the U. States
Madrid 5th March 1842.

H. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir

Referring you to my letter of the 20th of July last, in answer to your request of the preceding 29th of March for certain information from the Spanish Government on the subject of coining, I now transmit to you a Table drawn up at the Royal Mint in this city containing the first instalment of the information promised to me, which as having to be drawn from the several mints of the Kingdom, can only be furnished as received from those establishments agreeably to the orders which have been given them to that effect. If received while I continue at the Legation, it shall with much pleasure be transmitted by,

Sir Your Obedt. servant.

A. Pail.

Mint of the United States, in as with J. W. Fenning Cr.
March 2nd 1812 By Cash rec'd from J. Fairfield, for
13 Bank, Samp. rec'd from J. Orleans \$493.97
Dr.

Feb 19 To Postage for Philadelphia c. 12
" 25 " do " do c. 13
March 2 " Conspicuous & delivering
1366 Samp. 1 pr. et on amb 4.94 5.19
New York March 2nd 1812. \$488.78

No 23 Merchant Exchange, Hancock St.
New York March 2nd 1812.

Sir,

I have your favor of the receipt
and delivery of the 13 bank Samp. - The proceeds, \$488.78
are in hand. Subject to your order - Mr. Fairfield
paid in Bank notes, but if you want Specie, I can procure
it for you -

I am, Sir, Obedt Servt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of U.S. Mint, Phila.

J. W. Fenning.

Wash. Ap. 24th. 1842

Sir,

I rec^d. Yours of 22nd, last evening. I have not examined the printed title, regarding the banner on, & have not the papers at hand to examine.

The title banner which was reported by the Committee, was the manuscript copy received from you, some time ago - & has been printed from that. The error which you noticed may be a typographical one - but from whatever source it has arisen, shall be corrected.

Very respectfully

Yours S^t-S^t

G. Evans

N. M. Patterson Esq

Durham Me^t 12th 1842

Mint of the U. S.

April 22, 1842.

Sir,

I received, this morning, from Mr. Sen. N. Sargent, a copy of the bill reported by you on the 13th inst., 'regulating the currency of gold and silver coins in the United States.' You already show my views as to this important bill, and I now write merely for the purpose of calling your attention to what I believe to be a mistake at the close of the 2d Sect. In the project which I took the liberty of sending to you, I set down the average weight of the five-franc piece at 384 grains; in the bill, I see it given at 385, - and I think that the former number should be restored.

The following list shows the weight which we have found, at the Mint, for the five franc pieces of different issues.

Year 18 — — —	Republic — — —	383
1803-4 — — —	Bonaparte 1st Consul — —	383
1804-14 — — —	Napoleon, Emperor — — —	383½
1815-24 — — —	Louis XVIII — — —	384
1825-30 — — —	Charles X — — —	384½
1831-38 — — —	Louis Philippe — — —	385
Mean, — — —		383.80

According to the law of France, 200 francs of silver, at the standard nine-tenths, should weigh a kilogramme, - which would make the 5 fr. piece weigh 385¾ grs.; but the actual average weight of this coin in circulation, may be assumed at 384 grs., and at this weight it is worth 93cts. I hope, therefore, that the bill will be amended accordingly.

Hon. Geo. Evans,
Ch. Com. Finance,
U. S. Senate. }

R. M. P. S.

H. R. 399.

(No Report.)

APRIL 20, 1842.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. J. R. INGERSOLL, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the departments and offices of the Government.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 for the purpose of limiting the incidental and contingent ap-
4 propriations for the necessary expenses of the Government
5 to specific objects, as far as practicable, the following sums
6 are hereby appropriated for the year eighteen hundred and
7 forty-two, out of any unappropriated moneys in the Treasury,
8 to the objects hereinafter specified, namely:

9 NAVY DEPARTMENT.

10 No 1. In the Secretary's office:

11 For blank books, binding, and stationery, six hundred
12 dollars.

13 For extra clerk hire, fifteen hundred dollars.

14 For printing, three hundred dollars.

15 For labor, one hundred dollars.

16 For miscellaneous items, four hundred dollars.

17 For newspapers and periodicals, one hundred dollars.

18 No. 2. In the Navy Commissioners' office:

19 For blank books, binding, and stationery, five hundred
20 dollars.

21 For extra clerk hire, five hundred dollars.

22 For labor, three hundred dollars.

23 For miscellaneous items, six hundred and fifty dollars.

24 No. 3. For the southwest Executive building:

25 For labor, three hundred and twenty-five dollars.

26 For fuel and light, one thousand three hundred and fifty
27 dollars.

28 For miscellaneous items, one thousand one hundred and
29 fifty dollars.

30 No. 4. For the northeast Executive building:

31 For labor, one thousand two hundred dollars.

32 For fuel and light, one thousand four hundred dollars.

33 For miscellaneous items, seven hundred dollars.

34 WAR DEPARTMENT.

35 No. 5. In the office of the Secretary of War:

36 For blank books, binding, and stationery, six hundred
37 dollars.

38 For newspapers and periodicals, two hundred and fifty
39 dollars.

40 For labor, three hundred dollars.

41 For printing, three hundred dollars.

42 For miscellaneous items, five hundred and fifty dollars.

43 For books, maps, and plans, one thousand dollars.

44 No. 6. In the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs:

45 For blank books, binding, and stationery, six hundred
46 dollars.

47 For labor, fifty dollars.

48 For miscellaneous items, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

49 No. 7. In the office of the Commissioner of Pensions:

50 For blank books, binding, and stationery, five hundred
51 dollars.

52 For printing, four hundred dollars.

53 For fuel, one hundred and fifty dollars.

54 For miscellaneous items, four hundred and fifty dollars.

55 No. 8. In the office of the Commanding General:

56 For miscellaneous items, three hundred dollars.

57 No. 9. In the office of the Adjutant General:

58 For blank books, binding, and stationery, two hundred
59 dollars.

60 For miscellaneous items, three hundred dollars.

61 No. 10. In the office of the Quartermaster General:

62 For blank books, binding, and stationery, three hundred
63 dollars.

64 For labor, one hundred dollars.

65 For printing, one hundred dollars.

66 For miscellaneous items, four hundred dollars.

67 No. 11. In the office of the Commissary General of Pur-
68 chases:

69 For blank books, binding, and stationery, one hundred
70 dollars.

- 71 For miscellaneous items, five hundred dollars.
- 72 No. 12. In the office of the Commissary General of Sub-
- 73 sistence:
- 74 For blank books, binding, and stationery, two hundred
- 75 dollars.
- 76 For extra clerk hire, six hundred dollars.
- 77 For printing, five hundred dollars.
- 78 For labor, one hundred dollars.
- 79 For fuel, one hundred dollars.
- 80 For miscellaneous items, five hundred dollars.
- 81 No. 13. In the office of the Paymaster General:
- 82 For blank books, binding, and stationery, two hundred
- 83 dollars.
- 84 For fuel, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.
- 85 For miscellaneous items, four hundred dollars.
- 86 No. 14. In the office of the Surgeon General:
- 87 For blank books, binding, and stationery, two hundred
- 88 dollars.
- 89 For printing, fifty dollars.
- 90 For fuel, seventy-five dollars.
- 91 For miscellaneous items, one hundred and fifty dollars.
- 92 No. 15. In the office of the Chief Engineer:
- 93 For blank books, binding, and stationery, six hundred
- 94 dollars.
- 95 For printing, one hundred and five dollars.
- 96 For fuel, one hundred and fifty dollars.

- 97 For miscellaneous items, fifty dollars.
- 98 No. 16. In the office of the Colonel of Ordnance:
- 99 For blank books, binding, and stationery, four hundred
- 100 dollars.
- 101 For printing, seventy-five dollars.
- 102 For fuel, one hundred and fifty dollars.
- 103 For miscellaneous items, one hundred dollars.
- 104 No. 17. In the bureau of Topographical Engineers:
- 105 For blank books, binding, and stationery, four hundred
- 106 dollars.
- 107 For labor, one hundred dollars.
- 108 For fuel, two hundred and fifty dollars.
- 109 For miscellaneous items, five hundred dollars.
- 110 No. 18. For the northwest Executive building:
- 111 For labor, four hundred dollars.
- 112 For fuel and light, two thousand dollars.
- 113 For miscellaneous items, one thousand six hundred and
- 114 seventy dollars.
- 115 **TREASURY DEPARTMENT.**
- 116 No. 19. In the office of the Secretary of the Treasury:
- 117 For blank books, binding, and stationery, three thousand
- 118 five hundred dollars.
- 119 For newspapers and periodicals, one hundred dollars.
- 120 For labor, one hundred and fifty dollars.
- 121 For extra clerk hire, one thousand five hundred dollars.

122 For printing, (including the printing of the public ac-
123 counts,) two thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

124 For miscellaneous items, seven hundred dollars.

125 For translating foreign languages, one hundred and fifty
126 dollars: *Provided*, That no part of said sum or sums be paid
127 to any clerk, or other officer of the Government, beyond his
128 salary, for taking charge of or transmitting passports or sea
129 letters.

130 No. 20. In the office of the First Comptroller:

131 For blank books, binding, and stationery, one thousand
132 dollars.

133 For labor, four hundred and fifty dollars.

134 For extra clerk hire, two hundred and fifty dollars.

135 For miscellaneous items, three hundred dollars.

136 No. 21. In the office of the First Auditor:

137 For blank books, binding, and stationery, five hundred
138 dollars.

139 For labor, two hundred dollars.

140 For extra clerk hire, two hundred dollars.

141 For miscellaneous items, one hundred dollars.

142 No. 22. In the office of the Second Auditor:

143 For blank books, binding, and stationery, three hundred
144 dollars.

145 For labor, two hundred and fifty dollars.

146 For extra clerk hire, three hundred dollars.

147 For miscellaneous items, one hundred dollars.

148 No. 23. In the office of the Fourth Auditor:

149 For blank books, binding, and stationery, six hundred
150 dollars.

151 For labor, fifty dollars.

152 For extra clerk hire, one hundred dollars.

153 For printing, forty dollars.

154 For miscellaneous items, two hundred dollars.

155 No. 24. In the office of the Fifth Auditor:

156 For blank books, binding, and stationery, two hundred
157 and fifty dollars.

158 For labor, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

159 For extra clerk hire, fifty dollars.

160 For miscellaneous items, one hundred and twenty-five
161 dollars.

162 No. 25. In the Treasurer's office:

163 For blank books, binding, and stationery, five hundred
164 dollars.

165 For labor, three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

166 For printing, seven hundred dollars.

167 For miscellaneous items, three hundred and fifty dollars.

168 No. 26. In the Solicitor's office:

169 For blank books, binding, and stationery, five hundred
170 dollars.

171 For labor, one hundred dollars.

172 For extra clerk hire, four hundred dollars.

173 No. 27. In the Register's office:

- 174 For blank books, binding, and stationery, one thousand
175 dollars.
- 176 For labor, three hundred and fifty dollars.
- 177 For printing, five hundred dollars.
- 178 For miscellaneous items, (including one thousand dol-
179 lars for cases for the preservation of the records,) two thou-
180 sand dollars.
- 181 No. 28. For the General Land Office:
- 182 For blank books, binding, and stationery, and parch-
183 ments, twelve thousand dollars.
- 184 For labor, five hundred dollars.
- 185 For printing, four thousand dollars.
- 186 For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.
- 187 For office of the Commissioner of the General Land
188 Office, for arrearages since 1834, of cost of printing patents,
189 publishing proclamations, printing circulars and blank forms,
190 for the land offices, twenty-two thousand six hundred twenty-
191 eight dollars and seventeen cents, or so much thereof as
192 may be found necessary, on auditing the accounts by the
193 appropriate officer.
- 194 For compensation of extra clerks and draughtsmen in
195 the offices of the surveyors general, to transcribe field notes
196 of survey, for the purpose of preserving them at the seat of
197 Government, in addition to the unexpended balances of
198 former appropriations, fourteen thousand dollars, namely:
- 199 For office of surveyor general northwest of the Ohio,
200 four thousand five hundred dollars.

- 201 For office of surveyor general of Wisconsin and Iowa,
202 one thousand dollars.
- 203 For office of surveyor general of Illinois and Missouri,
204 four thousand five hundred dollars.
- 205 For office of surveyor general of Arkansas, one thou-
206 sand dollars.
- 207 For office of surveyor general of Louisiana, three thou-
208 sand dollars.
- 209 No. 29. Southeast Executive building:
- 210 For labor, two thousand two hundred dollars.
- 211 For fuel and light, three thousand seven hundred dollars.
- 212 For extra watchmen, one thousand six hundred dollars.
- 213 For miscellaneous items, one thousand nine hundred
214 dollars.
- 215 No. 30. In the Auditor's office of the Post Office Depart-
216 ment:
- 217 For blank books, binding, and stationery, one thousand
218 seven hundred dollars.
- 219 For labor, one thousand one hundred dollars.
- 220 For extra clerk hire, six hundred dollars.
- 221 For miscellaneous items, six hundred dollars.
- 222 POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.
- 223 No. 31. For blank books, binding, and stationery one thou-
224 sand one hundred and ninety dollars.
- 225 For newspapers and periodicals, one hundred dollars.

226 For fuel and oil, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-
227 nine dollars.

228 For miscellaneous items, one thousand two hundred and
229 thirty-seven dollars.

230 For printing, four hundred and fifty-three dollars.

231 For labor, three hundred and thirty-eight dollars.

232 For extra clerk hire, six hundred dollars.

233 UNITED STATES MINT AND BRANCHES.

234 No. 32. For coinage expenses, including materials and
235 implements, fuel, new machinery and repairs of old, die
236 making, and wastage of gold and silver, at the Philadelphia
237 mint, fifteen thousand two hundred dollars.

238 For house expenses, including water rent and taxes, re-
239 pairs, lighting, cleaning, and watching at the same, four thou-
240 sand dollars.

241 For office expenses, including stationery and postage,
242 ^{at the same} six hundred dollars.

243 No. 33. For coinage expenses, including materials and
244 implements, fuel, repairs, and wastage of gold, at the Char-
245 lotte branch mint, one thousand two hundred dollars.

246 For house expenses, including repairs, lighting and
247 cleaning at the same, two hundred dollars.

248 For office expenses, including stationery and postage at
249 the same, one hundred dollars.

250 No. 34. For coinage expenses, including materials and

251 implements, fuel, repairs, and wastage of gold, at Dahlonega
252 branch mint, six hundred dollars.

253 For house expenses, including repairs, lighting and
254 cleaning at the same, two hundred dollars.

255 For office expenses, including stationery and postage at
256 the same, one hundred dollars.

257 No. 35. For coinage expenses, including materials and
258 implements, fuel, repairs, and wastage of gold and silver, at
259 the New Orleans branch mint, eleven thousand and fifty-two
260 dollars.

261 For house expenses, including water rent and taxes, re-
262 pairs, lighting, cleaning, and watching, three thousand five
263 hundred and ninety-eight dollars.

264 For office expenses, including stationery and postage,
265 three hundred and fifty dollars.

266 No. 36. For the purchase of a lot adjoining on the west
267 the mint at Philadelphia, twenty feet front by one hundred
268 and four feet deep, at an entire cost not exceeding five thou-
269 sand dollars.

270 JUDICIARY.

271 No. 37. For the contingent expenses of the Attorney
272 General's office, five hundred dollars.

1 Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case the
2 sum appropriated for any object shall be found more than
3 sufficient to meet the expense thereby contemplated, the sur-
4 plus may be applied, under the direction of the head of the

* The following estimate stands as follows:

Coinage expenses, —
House expenses, —
Office expenses, —

\$ 12,600
4,000
600
\$ 17,200

For the other mints the same estimate
with the following:

proper Department, to supply the deficiency of any other item in the same department or office: *Provided*, That the expenditure for newspapers and periodicals shall not exceed the amount specifically appropriated to that object by this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That no allowance shall be made, out of any moneys appropriated by this bill, to any clerk or other officer, for the discharge of duties the performance of which belongs to any other clerk or officer in the same or any other department, and that no allowance shall be made for any extra services whatever, which any clerk or other officer may be required to perform, and that no part of the moneys hereby appropriated for miscellaneous items shall be applied to the purchase of "newspapers and periodicals."

Recd
for W. P. August
from J. P. August
Washington
Mo. 21/12

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would undertake it ~~with in the U.S.~~ ~~and at Paris~~
~~U.S.~~, though I doubt whether the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
the refining is done altogether in private establish-
ments, out of the mint. In the United States, the
amount of ~~work~~ this kind of work ~~to be done~~ is
not sufficient for the support of such establishments,
and hence it has become necessary to conduct
these refining and parting processes at the mints
themselves. It seems to me quite unjust, however,
that the work should be done entirely at the pub-
lic cost. ~~Letting can be more fair and~~
~~liberal than the system of Mint Charges.~~ ~~Letting~~
can be more fair and liberal than our system
of Mint Charges, and I think we could not vary
from it with propriety. It is the only one by
which all depositors can be put upon the same
footings. If standard silver and ductile silver or
gold be deposited with us, the whole of it is ~~be~~
returned to the depositor in coins, - the government
bearing the cost of the manufacture and of matter.
But if the bullion be either above or below stand-
ard, or be brittle, or if the gold and silver be
combined, the depositor is charged for the actual
and necessary expense incurred in bringing the
material to standard, ~~strengthening~~ ~~them~~, or parting
them.

To justify ^{amount of} the charge made for separating gold
from silver, I present to you the following estimate

drawn before the opening of the Treasury, Jan. 28th 1857,
when the system of charges, authorized by the act of the
18th of the same month, was adopted.

"Expense of separating gold from silver."
The day's work is on 154 lbs of metal, &c. -
45 cts ft lb." [Cf. from note book, pp. 66 & 67]

In the Paris refinerie, the charge is ~~but 2 cts per~~
3 gr. 29 cts per kilogramme, corresponding to 2 cts per oz. This
great economy is due to the circumstances, - the large
amount of work done, and the different process ~~employed~~
employed. In these works, the silver is dissolved by
sulphuric acid, and not, as with us, by nitric acid.
Also the weight of sulphuric acid requisite is less by
about one-quarter, and the cost per lb. is but less
~~than~~ ^{by} two-thirds. Unhappily we cannot ~~see~~ ~~see~~ ~~see~~
this process ^{and} for two reasons. First, because the expense
of the apparatus is too great, - as large ~~sets~~ ~~sets~~ ~~sets~~
of platina are required, and other expensive apparatus,
~~the platina vessels~~ ^{which} cost the British Mint 3000 l. sterling. A second
reason is that, (to on the words of Dr. Wre,) "refining by
sulphuric acid is always a nuisance to a neigh-
borhood," - so that the laboratory could not, ~~be~~ ^{be} ^{be}
~~applied~~ ~~to~~ ~~it~~ with propriety, in a city mint.

The cost per cent. of parting gold from silver
depends ~~on~~ in a great measure, upon the quantity of
gold present. When this is small, it may reach 2
per cent. as stated by the memorialists. If there be

Suppose it sent to the Paris exposition, which are the
most economical, the saving would be one per cent.
Would this difference change the course of trade? I
should judge not. Our country may be said to be
on the road from Spanish America to Europe. Does
not our proximity to the mines give us an advan-
tage greater than is sufficient to counteract the in-
creased cost of sending the mined metals? Or, in
other words, would not the cost of freight, insurance,
and other charges of transportation, reach to one per cent.
of the value of the metals?

I have confined my remarks to the case mentioned
by the memorialists; but the ~~question would not~~
~~in fact, be~~ action of Congress, ~~would not be~~ if judged
expedient, could not be limited to this case.
All the other Mint Charges would have an equal
claim to be abolished; ~~the same result would~~
~~have to be reached by the difference in silver alloy~~
~~substantiated~~ and thus the whole system provided in
the U. S. Mint, changed. The expense to the govern-
ment would be very considerable, - would be unjust,
also, in my judgment, without any equivalent advan-
tage.

R. M. P.

Wm. Geo. Evans,
Ch. Comm. Finance,
U. S. Senate.

P. S. - I find that I have overlooked the re-
quest, made at the close of your letter, that I
would inform the Committee "whether there are any
charges, and to what extent, for coining gold and silver
belonging to individuals." I now supply the omission
by annexing a copy of the 18th Section of the Mint
act of Jan. 18th, 1837, and of the Mint Charges estab-
lished under it, and approved by the Secretary of the
Treasury, on the 1st of February following.

Sec. 18th of Mint Act.

Be it enacted That the only subjects of charge -
- - (These copy the whole Section.)

Mint Charges

(1st. On deposits of Silver.)

1. When the silver requires refining or brightening, &c.
[Then copy from Note Book, pp. 62 & 63.]

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

April 13, 1842.

Mr. EVANS, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bill; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

A BILL

Regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 *from and after the passage of this act, the following foreign gold*
4 *coins shall pass current as money within the United States, and*
5 *be receivable, by weight, for the payment of all debts and de-*
6 *mands, at the rates following, that is to say: the gold coins of*
7 *Great Britain, of not less than nine hundred and fifteen and a*
8 *half thousandths in fineness, at ninety-four cents and six tenths*
9 *of a cent per pennyweight; and the gold coins of France, of*
10 *not less than eight hundred and ninety-nine thousandths in fine-*
11 *ness, at ninety-two cents and nine tenths of a cent per penny-*
12 *weight.*

1 *Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That from and after*
2 *the passage of this act, the following foreign silver coins shall*
3 *pass current as money within the United States, and be receiv-*
4 *able, by tale, for the payment of all debts and demands, at the*
5 *rates following, that is to say: the Spanish pillar dollars, and*
6 *the dollars of Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia, of not less than eight*

7 hundred and ninety-seven thousandths in fineness, and four
 8 hundred and fifteen grains in weight, at one hundred cents each ;
 9 and the five-franc pieces of France, of not less than nine hundred
 10 thousandths in fineness, and three hundred and eighty ^{four} ~~five~~ grains
 11 in weight, at ninety-three cents each.

1 **Sec. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the
 2 duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause assays of the coins
 3 made current by this act to be had at the mint of the United
 4 States, at least once in every year, and to make report of the
 5 result thereof to Congress.

1 **Sec. 4.** *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts
 2 of acts heretofore passed, making foreign coins current in the
 3 United States, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

For W. H. Chandler.
 Apr. 20/42.

Recd.

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Wash: Apr. 14. 1842

W. M. Patterson Esq

Sir, I forward to you herewith, a petition which has been presented to the Senate, & is now before the Committee on Finance.

The Committee will feel greatly obliged to you, for any suggestions as to the propriety of adopting the measures proposed in the Memorial, which you may deem proper to submit.

Will you have the goodness also to inform them whether there are any changes, & to what extent, for calling gold or silver, belonging to individuals?

The return of the Memorial, with your answer is requested.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

Geo Evans

The following might be a judicious way of responding (from the Mint) to this memorial —

1. To take a certain period, say 6 months, of some recent year in which we have done a good deal of parting (perhaps 1840) & from the registers collect the amt. deposited in gold & silver, & ~~the~~ silvery gold, & the expenses of parting these: — this will show what is the average percentage of cost — which is far less than two per cent.
2. To ascertain what are the charges in London & Paris — see *Mem.* p. 1062.
3. To ascertain what would be the expenses of shipment ^(freight, insurance &c.) of bullion to London & Paris for the purpose of parting, irrespective of the state of exchange. —
4. To decide from these data, whether our proximity to the Mexican mines does not countervail the cheap rate of parting in Europe.
5. Shd? not the petitioners be encouraged to set up for themselves a sulphuric-acid refinery, which (if their assertion be true, that cheap parting w^d. draw the metals to the U.S.) would abundantly repay them. —
6. As nearly all our Southern gold w^d. have to be parted for the depositors, gratis, it might be worth while to ascertain what this item w^d. cost the Mint, at 12 cents per ounce.

allint of the United States.
April 9th, 1842.

Gentlemen,

I regret to be under the necessity
of ~~informing you~~ ^{informing you} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{the}
subscription to the Intelligence for the
U. S. allint cannot be continued after the
expiration of the year on the 17th inst.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

J. M. Patterson,

Quinn

Editor of National Intelligence,
Washington.

Washington April 8-1842.

Dear Sir

It was a most unfortunate general order of the house that directed all contingencies to be struck from the Appropriation Bills. But I do not see any mode of avoiding its application to the provision for gun expenses. They are not in their nature specific, and cannot be removed so by any change of phrase. But a resolution was passed some little time since for the purpose of affording a remedy. It runs thus: "That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill for such contingent funds as have been or may be stricken from the Civil and Diplomatic Bill and for abolishing such offices as are useless and unnecessary for the public service, and reduce the items to specification as far as practicable."

I am endeavoring to prepare a Bill to meet these objects: and an effort will be made to let it pass as early in the Bill for which the items have been struck that no

harm can happen. Some items you will perceive
must be rendered as nearly specific as may be. If you
can divide and even subdivide them, it will be
better. Cannot you give separate estimates for "wastage
of your collection"? - for fuel? &c. &c. Ought you not
to get rid of the item of tapes? Sometimes there is a little
demon in the house to allowing tapes for U.S. property.
And where a regular entry has been made to the general
government I believe the State authorities have usually
yielded to an application for exemption.

I will endeavor to conciliate opinion in favor of
your purchase of the adjoining lot.

Yrs very faithfully

J. R. Mendenhall

J. R. Mendenhall

Taunton Aug. 7. 1842.

R. M. Vatterson Esq.
Director, Dear Sir.

We are in receipt
of your favor of the 4th inst.

On receipt of this you will
oblige us by shipping by freight
to Boston, to Messrs. W. & C. Hooker
& Co., the \$1,000 in cuts - & as soon
as you have them ready, say \$1,000
to Messrs. Bennett & Battelle, & \$2139⁵²
to - Ad. Villis - both of New York
by canal or R. Road. Much obliged

Yours.

Very Respectfully

Joel K. Davis & Co.
J. K. D.

Mont U. S.
April 6th, 1842.

Dear Sir,

From the report of the proceedings of the House of Representatives on Monday, I have found that, under ^{general} order of the House with regard to contingent expenses, the item, (see 113,) under this head, of the appropriations for the office, for the present year, was stricken out.

The phrase "Incidental and Contingent Expenses" has been used, to ~~include~~ ^{include} from the Commencement of the office, to comprise all the ^{regular} expenses except salaries and wages, and occasionally and without this appropriation, under some title, the operations of the office must necessarily be arrested.

Perhaps the term Incidental would not come under the rule of the House. If it should, ~~but~~ the item may be given simply thus:

Expenses, including postage of gold and silver, repairs, ^{and additions}, stationery, water, ^{and} ~~reprints~~, ~~additions~~, fuel, materials, ^{and} ~~reprints~~, ~~additions~~, rent, ^{and} ~~taxes~~, ^{and} ~~reprints~~, ~~additions~~. \$19,800.

In some form, the item must certainly be restored, or we shall have no appropriation except for salaries and wages.

My remarks apply with equal force, to the Branch office, which would be as effectually destroyed by omitting the item ~~of~~ in question, as by the motion of Mr. Davis.

I hope you will ~~allow~~ ^{allow} yourself
should it be necessary, to get the appropria-
tion of \$10,000, for purchasing the lot ad-
joining the ellipsis. The front which we should
get on Bean Square is 40 feet, the depth,
along the western side of the ellipsis 114 ft. We
must, and are now obliged to use, this lot.

Most respectfully
and faithfully yours
R. M. P.



To
The Hon. R. V. Angell.

Mint of the U. States,
Treasurer's Office, April 6 1842

Sir,

I herewith forward you the
quarterly account of the operations of the
Mint for the quarter ending the 31st day
of March 1842, which I hope you will
find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^d Serv^t

(Signed) Isaac Roach
Treasurer

Wm. Miller Esq.
Act. Auditor of the Treasury

Treasury Department
April 4. 1842

Sir,

The Boxes of dies referred to by
yours of the 28th & 30th ultimo were duly received
and forwarded.

I have also to acknowledge the
receipt of yours of the 31st enclosing the letter
from Charles E. Wetherill.

Very Respectfully

Wm. A. R. Forward
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. R. M. Patterson
Philad^a.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States

Treasurer's Office April 1st 1842

Sir,

I forward you herewith, the quarterly
accounts of the ordinary receipts and expenditure of the Mint,
for the first quarter of the present year; which I hope you
will find to be correct.

Very respectfully

Your most obedt Servt.

Signed - D. Rand

Treasurer

Before Allen Croyle

First Auditor of the Treasury

Wm. M. S.

May 31st, 1842.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 28th was handed to me yesterday by Mr. Hartney, whom I found an intelligent and well informed gentleman, and thank you for introducing to me.

I send you copies of the memorandums for which you ask. You will see that the deposit in question was made in June, not in July. We have no other note of the monks than you see well referred to in the memorandums; but I find ~~the~~ a copy of a letter written to you on the 21st of Jan, 1841, to the following effect.

"The two boxes of bullion sent, on your account, from Pittsburg, arrived on Saturday, and were opened this morning, and the contents found to correspond with the enclosed bill of lading, as nearly as their broken condition would permit the comparison to be made. The boxes had evidently not been opened, and we have no doubt that all is right."

It appears that ~~the~~ your copy of the bill of lading was returned to you. If you still have it, it would probably satisfy the doubts which seem to exist in the minds of the parties to whom you refer.

Wm. Peter Ramsey & Co.
of New York.

W. M. S.

New York May 23rd 1842

To The Director of the Mint of the U. States
Philadelphia

Sir

We take pleasure in introducing to you
our highly Respectable friend Don Jose Vicente
Martinez of Bogota who has a quantity of Gold Dust
he is desirous to make a trial at the U. S. Mint
in order to decide whether it would be more to his
advantage to have it made into coin here or carry
it with him to Europe. We feel confident that
you will take pleasure in rendering to this friend
the information he requires. And thereby confer a
favor on us.

Permit us to request that you will
send us copies of the certificates of coin made
for us in July 1841 from a quantity of Bullion
received at the Mint from St. Louis via Pittsburg
the Party's interest for a some difference in their
respective amounts. Please be particular as to the
original marks on the Packages. We are

With great Respect
Yours most obedt Servt
Peter Harrison N.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States

Treasurer's Office May 27th 1842

Sir,

I have received your letter of 21 May 1842,
together with the following Treasury notes, payable to my order,
viz,

No. —	to No. —	of \$ 1,000. each	=	\$
No. 3644	to No. 3651	8. of 500. each	=	4,000.00
No. —	to No. —	of 100. each	=	—
No. 29662	to No. 29751	120. of 50. each	=	6,000.00
No. —	to No. —	of —	=	—
128. amounting to				\$ 10,000.00

from a Treasury Warrant No. 1246. in my favor for that amount.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

William Selden, Esq.,

Secy. of the Mint

Treasurer of the United States.

Treasurer.

Treasury of the United States,

21 May 1842.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ~~one hundred dollars~~ Treasury Note
made payable to your order, amounting to \$ 10,000.; also a
receipt, in detail, therefor, which you will please to sign and return
to this office, by return of mail, the same being necessary as a voucher
for the payment of the Warrant upon which issued.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,
Treasurer of the United States.

Dear Sir

The Building Committee of the new 7th Church
have requested me to ascertain from you whether you
are now disposed to purchase 20 feet of their lot adjoining
the street as they must now decide when the street to
front the school - please inform me by the bearer if you
can whether the appropriation bill has passed & whether
you wish to make the purchase - Truly

Yours Truly

James G. Smith

May 25/42

J. W. Patterson

New York May 25th 1842

To the Treas of United States Mint Philadelphia

We forward you together with this 4280 Half Crowns
for which we wish the value in Half Dollars

Respectfully Yours
H. W. & Broth
J. K. Woodbury

If you furnish certificates of Deposits will you please
inform us how soon we may expect to receive it
as we would prefer that to a remittance of
coin

Yrs &c

P. & B.

J. W.

Per Adams & Co. Express Linn

Treasury Department
May 25th 1812

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst. which was received this morning, I have to remark, that your requisition of the 1st inst. as follows,

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	5000
Compensation to Workmen	5000

received early attention upon the passage of the Act making appropriations for the civil & diplomatic expenses of Government for the Year eighteen hundred & forty two; a warrant, bearing on the 18th inst. issued on that requisition, in favor of Isaac Roach Esq. Treasurer of the Mint of the U.S. for the sum of \$10,000. The great & immediate accumulation of business consequent upon the passage of the Act has occasioned some unavoidable delay, but I learn from enquiring at the Treasurer's office this morning, that it is expected the remittance for Mr. Roach will be made this day.

Very Respectfully, Sir,
Clement B. W. Esq.

Wm. Foxcroft
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
May 24. 1842.

Sir,

I send enclosed a memorandum of the result of the result of your deposit made on the 13th inst. The amount will be paid at any time on your order. I regret that it will go so small a way toward paying your pecuniary loss: the honorary value, dollars & cents, could not supply.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

R.M.P.
Director.

Tel Capt. E. Aye,
Newark, N.J. }

P.S. Your Mint receipt is also returned to you.

Newark N. J. May 23^d 1842

Dear Sir,

I have to forward you a certificate
of the amt coined from the silver left
by one of the mints as per enclosure.
I cannot use this amt knowing the
amt.

Yours truly, E. C. May

P.S.

Please send to Capt E. C. May
Newark--

Chief of the United States.
May 23d, 1842.

Sir,

On the 14th inst., I had ~~the~~ the
honor to write to you, requesting that you
would issue your warrant in favor of the
Treasurer of the Chief, for ten thousand dollars,
viz., from the appropriation

for salaries of officers & clerks, - -	\$ 5000
for wages of workmen, - -	5000
	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

As this requisition was made before the
appropriation bill was actually passed
into a law, I have deemed it proper now
to renew it. Our funds are not only ex-
hausted, but I have been obliged to ad-
vance money personally, to enable the Treas-
urer to make payments urgently demanded.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
(Director.)

To Mr. Walter Forward,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Proctor May 18. 1842

Dear Sir,

Having an opportunity
to make a shipment direct to Phil^a without
waiting your authority, supposing you would not
object to receive them on the usual terms,
we have shipped per Sch. Wm. Ames a quantity
of planchets, per bill of 13/2 and 13/2 having annexed

We are not in immediate ^{Want} of the
cent^s, and if you will notify us when you
are prepared to deliver them, we will then
inform you how we shall like to have
them distributed.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.
J. C. Rockwell

Chicago May 17. 1842

Dear Sir,

I deposited in the Mint yesterday
of 3000 Mexican, in the name of Messrs Grant &
Stone - and was told at the Mint that I could
have that amount in half dimes at once, to
which I replied that I would consider of it decide
today.

The object of this is to say that it would
be agreeable to me to receive Half dimes at once,
I will therefore thank you to keep that amount to
Messrs Grant & Stone's order.

Respectfully
Yours obedient servant
O. S. H. H. H.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint

This regards a second deposit made by
Mr. Habicht.

Minist of the United States.

May 14th, 1842

Sir,

Our funds ~~are intended~~ for conducting the operations of the Mint are entirely exhausted; and, as the annual appropriation bill seems now to be on the point of becoming a law, I have respectfully to request, that, as soon as this shall occur, you will issue your warrant, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for ten thousand dollars, viz,

From the appropriation for paying the

Salaries of officers & clerks, — \$5000

From the appropriation for paying the

Wages of workmen, — — — — 5000

\$10,000.

Should the remittance be made in Treasury notes, I pray that ~~they~~^{there} may be as large a proportion as possible in notes of a small denomination.

R. M. Patterson
Director

Wm. Walter Forward,
Secretary of the Treasury.

✓
1212 May 1842

R. H. Patterson Esq.

Dear Sir We have your note of yesterday relative to the \$3.000 to be coined in dimes, and we thank you for your kind attention.

If you will have the goodness to have the Dimes put up and in readiness for delivery, we will send for them as soon as we receive instructions for disposing of them.

Very respectfully,

Yours truly

Grant Stone

Note. — This has regard to a first deposit made by them for an Habicht.

My Dear Sir

Mr. Fabrice late vice consul of Sweden at Boston is desirous
of visiting the mint, and you will oblige me, by having them taken. The various
improvements introduced into the establishment under your care. Mr. H. visited
last year the Swedish mint at Stockholm, and I am gratified, that he
may have an opportunity of comparing the two systems.

I believe Mr. H. has also some enquiries to make, as to the ex-
pulsion and in the recoinage of foreign coin.

I am, &c

Yours &c

John A. Read

D. R. M. Patterson

Tuesday May 10. 1842

Director Mint

Treasury Department.
May 9. 1842.

Sir

The boxes of dies referred to in
your letter of the 4th were received on Saturday and
forwarded agreeable to your request.

Very Respectfully

Wm. M. Thompson
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Minist U.S.

May 7. 1842.

Dear Sir,

I send above a bill of lading
of the two kegs of coins, sent to you this morning
by the Union Transportation Line, as advised
in my letter of yesterday.

R. M. P.
S.

Geo. M. Wood, Esq.,

Pres. Bk. America,
New York.

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Bank of America May 7. 1842

Dear Sir
With thanks for your obliging
attention in forwarding the Coins as requested.
I return herewith the two warrants with an
acknowledgment receipt annexed.

I remain very respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servant

Frederick C. W. King

Rollin Peterson Esq

Director U.S. Mint

Philad. (a)

Wash. D.C. May 6, 1842.

Dear Sir,

Your coins are put up as follows, in two bags, and will be sent to you by the N. A. line which leaves here at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Nat. No. 136, <u>Silver</u> .	Dollars -	\$ 2503.36
	Half-dollars -	3000.
	Quarters -	4000.
	Half-cents -	1000.
		<hr/> 10,503.36

Nat. No. 189, <u>Gold</u> .	Half-eagles	264.22
		<hr/> 10,767.58

Deducted for James Edgar's bill for bags, carrying, and postage, \$4.50.

I send enclosed two ^{pro} receipts, ^{on each} which I beg you to sign, and return to me by mail.

R. M. P.

W. J. Gould, Esq.
Trust Bank & America
New York.

Mint of the U. States
May 6th. 1842

Bank of America N.Y. for acct. of Co. Bolton,
Fox & Livingston.

Mint No 136 Silver. Dollars \$2503.36

Half Dollars 3000. —

Dimes 4000. —

Half Dimes 1000. —

10,503.36

Mint No 189 Gold, Half Eagles 264.22

\$10767.58

May 6, 1842

Bank of America N.Y.

To James Edgar Dr

For 2 Kegs @ \$1.25 — \$2.50

" 5 Bags " 25 1.25

" Coopering " 12 1/2 25

" Porterage 50

\$4.50

Rec^d payment

James Edgar

Mount of the United States
Philadelphia, May 7th, 1862.

~~Dear Sir,~~

You will recollect, that in order to enable
us to prepare the dies for a series of "Union all-
stars," bearing the head of their present "great
father," a medallion likeness of you, in wax,
was made by Mr. Pattee. By covering this
medallion with a thin coat of blumage, we were
enabled to make a mould from it in copper, by
the electrotype process; and on this mould a
copy in relief was deposited by the same pro-
cess, and ^{it} is the largest medal that we have
yet succeeded in making. May I ask you
to do me the favor of accepting this specimen
of a new and curious art? The process was conducted
by our Chief Engraver Mr. ^{Spencer} ~~Spencer~~.

With the greatest respect,

Yours very faithful servant,
J. M. Patterson.

To
Wm. Tyler,
President of the United States.

Albion N. D.
May 6th, 1842.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 30th ult., with its
enclosure, was brought to me yesterday.

The specimen sent of metal ^{given to you by Mr. (Lipton)} is ordi-
nary lead, and I am at a loss to imagine
how any different notion came to be enter-
tained as to its nature. A piece of the
same kind, ^{and with the same mysterious pretensions,} sent to me, in February last, by Mr. Cyrus
Edwards of Alton, Illinois. They are both
found to contain, as lead usually does, a
small quantity of silver; but the amount
is only about 10 oz. to a ton, and is therefore
not worth separating.

Very respectfully
and faithfully yours
R. M. P.

Wm. Joseph R. Fitzgerald.

Apay of Lead Silver 10.6 oz per Ton

Bank of America May 5th 1842

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 4th inst offering to supply us with \$8000 in dimes, and \$2000 in half dimes, on acct of the bullion alluded to - If you can give us \$8000 in dimes without any half dimes, we shall prefer it, and will thank you to do so -

Please cause the whole \$10503.30 ~~in dimes~~, and the \$2000.22 in Gold to be promptly put up in either 2 or 3 days, and I will thank you to forward them to us by one of the Rail Road lines at your convenience - advising us of course - I have you enclose the latest receipt & Memorandum of the bullion transferred to us by Messrs C Bolton Foy & Livingston -

Remain very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

Roll Patterson Esq
Quinton St Philadelphia
Philad

Geo H Bollen Trust

Unit of the U. States,
May 11, 1842.

Dear Sir,

The deposits made here on the 18th ult., by Messrs. C. Bolton, Fox, & Livingston, shall be held for your account; but we cannot comply with your request, now given, that it be coined into dimes & half-dimes. We can give you, however, \$3,000 in dimes & \$2,000 in half-dimes, and I hope this will answer your purpose. No instructions were given by the depositors to have small coins, and I need hardly tell you that the billion is already coined.

Let me know when you will send for your coins, and how you desire to have them put up.

R. M. P.

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To }
Messrs. Bullock, Esq. }
Pres. Bk. America. }
New York.

Bank of America May 3^d 1842

Dear Sir

The attached Receipt & Memorandum
for Silas Patton deposited on the 18th ult. by
Messrs. C. Patton Esq & Livingston having been
transferred to this Bank, I have to request
that you will please direct the whole of the
Sum, say \$10,500.00 to be Cashied into Money
and half pence, for our account -

I remain very respectfully
Yours etc &c

Frederick C. Davis

Wm Patton Esq

Printer Wyallmouth
Delaware

Washington April 30 1842.

Dear Sir

Mr. Triplett of Kentucky has
desired me to forward to Philadelphia for analysis
the enclosed piece of metal. He states that it is found
in immeasurable abundance in his District. It seems to
have many of the properties of lead, but is not as Mr.
Triplett is informed, admitted to be so called. Should it
prove of value the quantity in which it is found would
render it an object of great importance. Your facilities
of analysis at the Mint are I believe altogether
adequate to the object, and I venture to presume upon
your kindness in giving the benefit of your sound
and authentic judgment.

Very sincerely & respectfully yours
J R Ingersoll

D. C. M. Patterson

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
April 30th 1842.

Sir,

Your accounts of Copper
Coinage for the 4th quarter of 1841,
have been adjusted at the Treasury
and a balance of \$5166.37 stated
to be due from you to the U. States.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt,
J. W. Caldwell
Comptroller.

Isaac Roach Esq,
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States.

Treasurer's Office June 30 1842

Sir,

I forward you herewith, the quarterly accounts of the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the Mint, for the second quarter of the present year, which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,

Your most Obedt Servt.

(Signed) J. Read,
Treasurer

Wm. R. Chase Esq. -
First Auditor of the Treasury.

Mint of the U. States,
Treasurer's Office, June 30 1842.

Sir, I herewith forward you the
Quarterly Statement ending this day, as a
Depository of the public money.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob. Serv.
(Signed) Isaac Roach
Treas.

To
Wm. Selden, Esq,
Mint of the U. States,
Washington

check
New York June 27th 1842
To The Honorable the
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dear Sir I write to ascertain whether
there is any charge at the United States mint for
coining dimes & half dimes from foreign silver
& if so how much.

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

John Deane
No 62 Wall Street
New York

Copy,

Mint of the United States,
Treasury Office June 27th 1842.

Sir,

I have received the following Treasury
Draft payable to my order by the Philadelphia Bank Philad^a.

No. 881 on Dry Wheat 1/24 - - - - - \$12,000. -

Yours, Sir, Very obed^t Servant

(Signed) J. R. Bond -

Treasurer.

William Selden, Esq.

Treasurer of the United States.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

24 June 1842.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the
same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign
and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant.

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq

Treasury Department
June 23rd 1842

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst. I have
to remark that a warrant has this day issued in favor of Isaac
Roach Treasurer of the U. S. Mint for the sum of Twelve thousand
Dollars on account of appropriations by Congress for the Mint as
follows.

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	5000
Compensation to Workmen	7000

which amount will be transmitted to Mr. Roach by the Treasurer
of the U. S. as soon as the warrant passes the usual forms of
business. I avail myself of the occasion to add, that the law
does not authorize transfers of appropriation from or to other
branches of expenditure, but under certain specified circumstances.

Very Respectfully Sir,
Wm. H. C. W.

W. L. Garrison
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Wash. D.C.

June 22d, 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., in regard to the gold medal voted by Congress to Lieut. Burrows, ^{which the informant you had been} and ~~has~~ deposited at the mint for coinage.

In the letter from Mr. W.B. Nelson of Baltimore to Gen. James Thompson of Washington, of which you sent me a copy, it is asserted that the medal had been stolen; ~~and you requested~~ ~~to take the necessary steps to have the offender arrested.~~ ~~But~~ but you will learn that Mr. Nelson had no knowledge, till he wrote, that the medal was missing, - was therefore ignorant of the time and circumstances of its disappearance, - and had not even made any inquiries of those in whose custody it had been placed.

The facts which we have been able to obtain with regard to the ~~unhappy~~ subject are the following.

On the first of June, a woman named Mrs. J. Catharine Storrs deposited at the Mint, for coinage, the original gold medal voted by Congress to Lieut. Burrows, the value of which proved to be \$148.40, which was paid to her the next day in eagles. - On the 30th of

of May ~~the first~~ ~~in the~~ ~~deposited~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~value~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~medal~~, ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~day~~ ~~before~~ ~~the~~ ~~first~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~month~~ ~~of~~ ~~May~~, ~~an~~ ~~unfathomable~~ ~~value~~ ~~being~~ ~~added~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~medal~~, ~~mean~~ ~~while~~ ~~Mr~~ ~~Haines~~, ~~had~~ ~~called~~ ~~with~~ ~~this~~ ~~plate~~ ~~to~~ ~~make~~ ~~inquiry~~ ~~as~~ ~~to~~ ~~its~~ ~~probable~~ ~~value~~. This person ~~was~~ ~~known~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Committee~~, ~~who~~, ~~since~~ ~~and~~, ~~at~~ ~~his~~ ~~request~~, ~~called~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~Committee~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~20th~~ ~~inst.~~, ~~and~~ ~~made~~ ~~a~~ ~~statement~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~following~~ ~~effect~~, ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~presence~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Treasurer~~ ~~Mr~~ ~~Roach~~, ~~and~~ ~~my~~ ~~clerk~~ ~~Mr~~ ~~Dunning~~, - I ~~being~~ ~~absent~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~.

Mr. Storm is the wife of ~~the~~ Jeremiah Storm, Pawnbroker, Lombard St., two doors east of Claggett's brewery, Baltimore. On her recent visit ~~to~~ ^{to Philadelphia} she brought with her the medal in question, which, she stated, was pawned with her husband as long ago as October, 1841, - for she recollects having shown it, at that time, to Mr. Haines, then in Baltimore; a circumstance which Mr. Haines does not remember. - The medal, not having been redeemed, was duly advertised with other articles, and sold at Pawnbroker's Sale, by Mr. George Grover, Auctioneer, corner of 2d St. and Market Space, Baltimore, last spring, and was purchased by Mr. Storm, who, being unable to obtain what he considered its value, sent it to the Mint.

Early in June the Burrows Medal was trot to the Mint and deposited for coining by a Mrs. ~~Storm~~ ^{Storm} Haines, of Philad^a who accompanied Mrs. Storm - says she is the wife of Mr. Jeremiah ~~Storm~~ ^{Storm}: pawnbroker in Lombard St. near Claggett's brewery, Baltimore. That the Medal was pawned with Mr. Storm early in the year 1840. and was sold with other pawnbroker's goods last spring, by a Mr. Grover Auctioneer corner of Second St. and Market Space Baltimore, and purchased by Mr. Storm. Mr. Haines was called on, and he came to the Mint on the morning of June 20. 1842. and made the foregoing statement in presence of Mr. Dunning & Roach.

June 22/42.

On the 1st of June, a woman, who gave her name as Mrs. A. Catharine Storm, deposited at the Mint, for coinage, the original gold medal voted by Congress to Lieut. Burrows, the value of which proved to be \$125.40, which was paid to her on the 2d June in eagles. On her first visit to the Mint, she was accompanied by an elderly gentleman, of respectable appearance, whose name, one of the officers of the Mint who saw him, thinks is Maines. Some information can be given at the Mint which may aid in finding them.

As an addendum

Monday, June 20, Mr. Staines called at the Mint, at the request of Mr. Eckfeldt, & stated in substance what follows:

Mrs. Storm is the wife of Mr. Jeremiah Storm, Pawnbroker, Lombard St., 2 doors east of Claggett's Brewery, Baltimore. On her recent visit to Philad^a, she brought with her the medal in question, which, she stated was pawned with her husband as long ago as Oct. 1840, for at that time she recollects having shown it to Mr. Staines, then in Baltimore. This circumstance Mr. St. does not remember. — The medal, not having been redeemed, was duly advertised with other articles, and sold at Pawnbroker's sale, by Mr. Geo. Grover, Auctioneer, corner 2d St. & Market space, Baltimore, last Spring, & was purchased again by Mr. Storm, who, being unable to obtain what he considered its value, sent it to the Mint, &c.

The above statement was made in presence of Maj. Rouse, and Geo. F. Summing

June 22/42.

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With this brief statement, which was made
with great frankness by Mr. Haines, all others
or other persons interested can, I presume,
readily ~~perceive~~ ^{make} institute such an in-
vestigation into the matter as may bring it en-
tirely to light.

P. M. P.

[Signature]

To
Hon. A. P. Upshur,
Secretary of the Navy.

* On the 30th of May an elderly gentleman, of res-
pectable appearance, named Haines, called at the office
with the original Burrrows gold medal voted by Congress
to Lieut. Burrrows, to make inquiry as to its probable
value, for a lady named Storm. On the 1st of June
this person, who gave his name as Mr. A. Catharine
Storm, deposited this medal for coinage, and its value,
which proved to be \$148.40, was paid to him in eagles
the following day. On the receipt of your last letter,
our messenger, Mr. Pickfield, called on Mr. Haines, and
asked him to come to the office made an appointment
with him, ^{in compliance with which he} ~~came~~ ^{came} to the office on Monday, the 25th,
when he made a statement to the following effect, in the presence of the
Messrs. May, Storch, and my clerk Mr. Deering, I being
absent at the time.

Boards Dues 20 \$12,040.80
 Salaries 9,550.00
 21,590.80

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Wm. H. H. H.
 Nov 22nd, 1844.

Sir,
 I have the honor to request that you
 will issue your warrant in favor of the
 Treasurer of the Militia, for the sum of three
 hundred dollars; viz out of the appropriation
 of the present year, viz:

For wages of mechanics,	\$7,000.
Salaries of officers & clerks	5,000
	<u>\$12,000</u>

~~As I have already obtained \$10,000, this
 year, on these appropriations, it~~

As it is but a month since we obtained
 \$10,000 on these appropriations, it may be per-
 son to state that this amount had to be used,
 in part, to replace money belonging to the con-
 tingent fund, necessarily used to pay sala-
 ries and salaries before the appropriations bill
 was passed. The actual expenditures, for these
 items, up to the 31st inst inclusive, will be

For wages -	\$12,040.80
Salaries -	9,550.00
	<u>21,590.80</u>

Wm. H. H. H. }
 Sec. of Treas. } R. M. P.

London June 21. 1842

James Rosal Lloyd
Dear Mr. N. J. Smith
Sir,

Your esteemed favor of
the 15th inst. is received. & agreeably
to your request we have made two invoices
of platelets, dated 15th May. for £23.0.0
each - one of which we have accepted
being the amount you propose to forward
to us at this time in cash.

When you are prepared to deliver
the amount of the second invoice we will
accept it, which we suppose will be
conformable to your wishes, although it
would be perfectly agreeable to us, to do
now -

Very Respectfully
Yours &c.
Geo. H. Davis

To the Treas. U.S. Mint, New York June 21st 1842
Philadelphia

I forward you with this
3028 of Silver Half Crowns
858.3 do in Bars for which please
make us return in Dollars
Please make a separate statement of the value
of the half crowns, from that of the bars.

Respectfully Yours

Thos W. Bache
per. Nath Woodbury

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
June 30th 1842.

Sir,

Your accounts of Copper
Coinage, for the 1st quarter of 1842,
have been adjusted at the Treasury
and a balance of \$ 3632..58 stated
to be due from you to the U. States.

Copper coinage \$ 2.802..10

Other Money 330..48 & 3632..58

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.,

Wm. Cullum

Comptroller

Isaac Roach Esq.,
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Thurs. June 20. 1842

Mr. Sprague

If you possibly can let us have
Amount of Silver received from us for J. M. Dodd
& in which there was a mistake made by us, in
not thinking to ask to have same coined in
Silver & if coined at the time we sent it to
you - as I find it impossible for me to ~~get~~
exchange the 1/2 dollar off for Mexican or
any thing that will answer - and as Mr. J. M. Dodd
is in a hurry for to receive them as soon as can
be -

Your kindness in the matter will

Much oblige

Yr Obedt Servt

Griswold & Co

Navy Department
17th June 1842

Sir,

I enclose a copy of a letter of the 10th inst. from William B. Nelson to his uncle, Genl. James Thompson, of Washington, in regard to the gold medal presented to Ventr. Burrus.

I request that you will retain the medal, and take the necessary steps to have the offender arrested.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedt. servt.

A. D. Upshur

W. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Copy

Baltimore June 11th —

My dear Uncle,

Your letter was duly received by the mail of this morning and I enter upon its immediate reply — I am much astounded at the intelligence it contains and cannot imagine how what you mention could have happened — One thing is certain, namely that it has been stolen I gave it to father or his wife some time ago and have never dreamed that it was otherwise than safe — The only thing that can be done is for the Department to cause its retention as they have no right to its possession, having been stolen. — It will be well to have this attended to, and after securing the medal attempt the arrest of the purloiner, I have not seen father this morning, but write as I am anxious you should hear from me by this day's mail.

Affectionally
W. R. Nelson

Danville June 15. 1842.

R. W. Patterson Esq.
Director N. S. Mint.
Sir -

Your esteemed favor of the 11th inst. we have received, informing us of an injury which has been done to the coming ship by which there will be some delay in forwarding the full amount of our late bill, in coin.

As the sale of this coin is slow the amount you propose to forward, with our present stock already on hand will be as large as we can expect to find vent for for several weeks, the delay will ^{not} cause us any inconvenience.

You will therefore oblige us by forwarding the \$2,495⁰⁰ in the proportions as named in your letter.

Annexed we hand our receipt as requested, on account of our late

bill -

I remain

With much respect.

Com Ob. serv.

Geo. W. Brown

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Chas. Patterson
Director - U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

RECEIVED
JUN 15
1842

Taunton June 15. 1842. Received of the
Treasurer of the United States Mint at Phil^a
the sum of Two thousand four hundred and
unity and 24 cents, in coin, on
account of bill of exchange, amount
to \$5017.60
62195.24
Dated June 15th 1842
a new Geo. W. Brown

See letter of 29 June 1842. to C. D. C.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

San Antonio June 9th 1842.

fin

You esteemed friend

Amos. Bennett & Battelle & Co. pub. two thousand sold.

2. 5. 1846 — — — — — Two thousand dollars,

We shall be much accommodated

Containing 100. a leaf - Arranged in Land 100

Accepted - and Yrs. Respectful

Cracker Powder

Newark June 11th 1842.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 9th was duly recd. I will explain the irregularity which has occurred in my manner of securing the small amt in the Mint. In the first place I indorsed the Mint receipt for the gold amt to Grimmell Winstons & Co, requesting them to collect it and place the same to my credit. Some days after they handed over the receipt stating that they could do nothing with it unless they knew the amt in dollars. I then wrote to you enclosing the receipt which you returned with the Memorandum of the sum owed. Shortly after, being in the city with said Mem. in my pocket, and in want of money, I handed it to Jacob Little & Co, ^{brokers} and they gave me the money without any indorsement.

even rising to my hands, and then saying
I fancy this will appear rather strong
to you but I beg you to make allowance
for my first appearance before the
Print. And I found some other quite
as ignorant as myself. I thought the man
worth for the press and of an consequence
after I received the Memoirs of the Irish
crimes, and in my own accident that I
have not destroyed it, I now return it and
beg you to pay the sum to Messrs. Smith
Little & Co. in the name

I beg you to send the books I have given

And believe me very Res^t yours

Edmund Burke

To R. M. Patterson Esq.

Phil^a

Mint of the U. S.

June 9, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry that the regulations of our Treasury office require me to trouble you again as to the mode of drawing the amount of your deposits of plate. The Mint receipt which I returned to you on the 24th ult., had been endorsed by you payable to Messrs. Howland & Knapton, and it was marked by us on the face as payable to order. It was therefore a valid paper. To day, another order from you has been presented, drawn on the Memorandum, & payable to other persons. This is irregular, & I must put you to the trouble of marking out a new order on the Mint receipt, or at least of returning this receipt, with your endorsement cancelled, if you desire the order on the Memorandum to be paid.

R. M. P.
D.

To/
Capt. E. Nye,
Newark, N. J.

Minist of the U. States,
June 5. 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst.,
and, in compliance with your request, I
will delay the coming of the gold medal
owed to Lieut. Burrows.

The value of the ~~gold~~ medal was \$148.40,
the amt. has been already paid by us,
to the depositor, in gold coins.

R. M. P.
cl.

To/

Mr. A. P. W. Shaw,
Sec. of the Navy. }

Mint of the U. States,
June 11th, 1842.

Sir,

In compliance with the request
made in your letter of the 18th ult. I have
to inform you that the cents required for pay-
ment of your last invoices are now ready for
delivery.

With the supply of copper coins which
we have on hand, I must request that
no more planchets be sent to us, unless ordered.

R. M. P.
Sr

Jos
Crocker, Pres. & Co.,
Frampton,
Mass. }

Navy Department
4th June 1842

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st inst. has been
received — I request that you will postpone
the coinage of the gold medal voted by
Congress to Genl. Burrows, until you hear
again from the Department on the subject.

I am, very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
A. W. Phelps

W. M. Patterson Esq.
Philadelphia

New York June 1. 1842

Dear Sir

allow me the pleasure to
introduce to you my particular friend Edw.
Craft Esq of Boston, who with a portion
of his family will visit your City, and whilst
there may desire to visit and see the op-
-erations of the Mill - Mr. Craft is
a gentleman of the first respectability,
and I beg to commend him to your friendly
notice and attention -

Remain with great respect

Very truly yours

Jos. W. Webb

Roll Patterson Esq

Director W. Mill

Philad. @

Mint of the U. States,
June 16th, 1842

Sir,

As you have shown an interest with regard to the medals voted by Congress to Officers who distinguished themselves in the Navy, I think it proper to inform you that the original gold medal, voted to commemorate the gallantry of Lieut. Burrows in the affair of the Enterprise & Boxer, was deposited at the Mint, this morning, for coinage. The value of the gold is about \$150.

I do not know that you have it in your power to preserve this interesting memorial from destruction; but as Congress has been more than once called upon to replace lost medals, it is at least right that a notice of the fate of this one should exist in your Department. The name of the Depositor is Mrs. Catharine Storm.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,
R. M. D.

Director.

(W)
Hon. A. P. Upshur,
Sec. of Navy

Washington City
June 25th 1842.

Dear Sir:

The President directs me
to say ^{to you} that he has taken much
pleasure in transmitting to Mr
Brew President of Watkinson College,
your late communications in the
- half of Mr Munnigerode. He also
seizes me to return you his
thanks for the Medallic Press
received from you a short
time since.

I am with respect
Yr. Obedt. Servt.

J. Tyler

Dr Patterson

P.B.

Miss M. S.

July 28/42.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday, I
have to state that the amount of your depo-
site made on the 25th, being \$2003.20,
is now ready for delivery, in half-dollars, and
will be kept subject to your order, at any
time.

P. M. S.

To
John Williams Esq.
Care of Mr. M. S. Davidson,
82 Broad St.
New York.

D. New York, 28 July 1849

A. M. Patterson Esq,

Director of the Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir, We are favoured with your esteemed letter of yesterday, enclosing memorandum of our deposit of Bullion of 18 instant, the receipt for which we have endorsed to Messrs. S & W Welsh, who will receive the coin, when ready. Accept our thanks for your obliging attention in sending us the memorandum, and in entering into the satisfactory details you explain.

Yours, Dear Sir, respectfully
Your most obedt Servt
Howland & Aspinwall

W. A. C.

Mr Geo W. Edelman
Treasurer of the mint Will oblige by
having each package of the Gold assayed
separately, & will further oblige by returning per
Bearer the envelopes of the different parcels

Respectfully
W. M. Cuyague Agent
John G. Winters

8 parcels of Gold Dues.
July 18th 1842.

New York Aug. 27th 1842

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Sir,

After receipt of your esteemed
favor of the 21st Inst. I forwarded two Thousand Mexican
Galleons to Philadelphia and now hold the Mint receipt
dated Aug. 25th 1842 for Sixteen Thousand and Thirty
four Seven Pence Silver Bullion. May I again express
my your kindness to inform me if the Int. Dollars and
half dollars are now ready for delivery and whether
I can have the option of letting them remain in the
Mint while I visit Philadelphia and thus obtain
them without any delay other than the time consumed
in delivery.

I remain sir
very respectfully your obedient
John William

Please address care of
Mr. Wm. Parsons.

82 Broad Street
New York

\$2003.20

Marks 731.3.2

$$\begin{array}{r} 480 \overline{) 2597.955} \quad (5412.40) \\ \underline{2400} \\ 197 \\ \underline{168} \\ 29 \\ \underline{24} \\ 5 \\ \underline{4} \\ 1 \\ \underline{0} \\ 1 \\ \underline{0} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

3,552 grs. = 1 Mark

1 Mark = 8 oz.

1 oz. = 8 —

$$\begin{array}{r} m. \quad oz. \\ 731.3.2 \\ 8 \end{array}$$

5851 1/2 oz. sp.

2444 grs. 1 oz.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23000 \\ 23000 \\ 23000 \end{array}$$

2,597,905 grs.

Mint of the United States,
July 24, 1842.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed you have memorandum of your deposits made on the 18th inst., for which coins will be ready by the middle of next week.

Rating the Mark at 3552 grains, the weight given in your letter invoices, ^{Marks} 731.3.2 is equal to 5,412.40 oz., which agrees remarkably with the Mint weights 5,412.50.

You will observe that the numbers in our memorandum are in the reversed order from those in your letter: our No. 1 is your No. 5, &c.

Our Alloy gives the fineness, in every instance, about 3 millimes higher than the Spanish.

R. M. P. Director,
 per Geo. F. Manning,
 Director's Clerk.

To

Mess. Howland & Aspinwall,
 New York.

Anti-Sl.
July 25 / 42.

Dear Sir,

As the session of Congress draws
near to its close, my anxiety increases
with regard to the appropriations for the
various items submitted for the proce-
ded contingent expenses. Will you
have the kindness to let me know the
condition and prospects of this bill?

I am sorry to say that the appor-
portionment for the purchase of the lot ad-
joining the church has been deferred too
long, and that it is no longer possible
for us to make this very desirable acqui-
sition. The whole lot was purchased for
by the trustees of the Seventh Presbyterian
Church, ~~the~~ ^{which} I had, for some time, reason
to hope that they would sell to us the lot
for which we asked; but the appropriation
was delayed, — they had not confidence
that it would be made at all, — and
finally they determined to place their
building with its front on Broad Street,
and its rear on our line. This they have
done, and the building is basement is
already ~~well~~ built, and the joists of the
principal floor laid. — The appropriation

in question can therefore be no longer avail-
able, and may be withdrawn.

Ever most truly yours,

R. M. F.

To Hon. Wm. R. Ingersoll.

Mint U.S. July 22/42.

Sir,

The regulations of the Mint which have regard to the inquiries made in your letter of yesterday are these:

If bullion deposited be of the legal standard, and sufficiently ductile, the whole weight is returned in coins, without charge of any kind.

If the bullion be below standard or brittle, a charge is made for refining or toughening, estimated upon the actual cost of these operations.

If the bullion be above standard, a charge is made for the alloy introduced.

If gold & silver ^{be} combined, a charge is made for separating them.

If the bullion be so base as to be unsuitable for the operations of the Mint, it is refused. — It is important for you to keep this regulation in view.

Any deposits of less value than \$100 is refused.

R.M.P.

Dear

Wm. Jacob Walter
Watch-maker
56 St. Howard St. Baltimore.

Dear Sir

Baltimore July 22^d 1842

Not knowing your name and being
desirous to have some information from you
you will please excuse my mode of directing this
letter to you. I have some ~~old~~ silver on hand
which I purchase from day to day and am desirous
to know upon what terms you take it at the mint,
how much you give the ounce, and do ^{you} pay cash for
it, or do you loan it and charge so much for
coinage, please give me all the necessary infor=
mation on this subject, and if ~~not too much~~ ^{not too much}
trouble will you please let me also know upon
what terms you receive ~~old~~ gold, or if you take it all—

a reply at your convenience will be thankfully
acknowledged by your humble servant

Jacob Walter

watchmaker No 56 north
Howard St

To Treas W. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York July 22nd 1842

Please forward you with
this 3056 $\frac{1}{4}$ of Brass Half Cents to be coined,
Please forward us the value in half Dollars.

Respectfully Yours

Platt & Brothers
for all dealings

West Med
July 21 / 42.

Sir,
In reply to ^{the} inquiry made in your letter
of yesterday, I have to state, that, if no deposit
requiring to be paid in half dollars be made before
that which you propose to make, you can have
the amount, as you desire it, without any
delay of more than a day.

P. M. Patterson,
Deputy

To / John Williams, Esq.
Care of Mr. Wm. Davidson,
82 Broad Street,
New York.

New York July 20th 1842

Wm Patterson Esq

Sir

Yours will confer a favor
by appraising me whether I can obtain Forty Thousand
Five Cent Pieces within the period of Three months from this
date provided I deliver Two Thousand Mexican Dollars
in the early part of next week.

I am Sir

Very respectfully Yours Wm
John Williams

Please address to the care of

Mr Wm Davidson

82 Broad Street

New York

Mint of the United States.
July 19th, 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue
your warrant, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint,
for Five thousand two hundred dollars, from
the Appropriations for the present year: viz.

For wages of workmen, ————— \$5000.00

For specimens of our Coins, ————— 200.00

\$5,200.

It may be proper to state that the money
drawn for the wages of workmen is entirely exhaus-
ted.

P. M. Patterson,
Director.

By Honble Walter Forward,
Secretary of the Treasury.

2 paid

New York 14 July 1842

R M Patterson Esq.

Director of U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

We have delivered to Harnden & Co to be forwarded by their express tomorrow, 4 boxes marked S.T. No 12425 containing 4 bars Silver, weighing Cast Mks 731.3.2 which we request you will be pleased to have coined and to forward particulars to us at your early convenience.

We are, Dear Sir, respectfully

Your most obedient servant

Memorandum of Invoice

Howland & Aspinwall

^{Marks} S.T. No 1. 81.3.1 = 11.21½ = 991 on no 4

2. 202.3.4 = 11.15½ = 970 on no 3

4. 207.5.1 = 11.19½ = 984 on no 2

5. 239.7.6 = 11.20½ = 988 on no 1

731.3.2

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office.
July 14th 1842.

Sir,

Your account of Ordinary
Receipts and Expenditures, for the first
quarter of 1842, has been adjusted at
the Treasury, and a balance stated
to be due from you to the United
States of \$ 1857.¹⁷/₁₀₀

Very Respectfully
Your O^bt. S^t.
M^oW Cullady
Comptroller.

Isaac Roach Esq^r,
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

New York July 9th 1842

Treasur United States Mint

Philadelphia - Dear Sir - We have this
day forwarded to you Mr Adams & Co 1066 pieces
French Crowns which we wish coined into Amer-
ican half dollars at your earliest convenience.

Respect. y Yours

Thos. D. Porter

Philad^a 7th month 1842

To the Officers of the
United States mint

The firm of Henry Troth & Co
is not to be dissolved in consequence of
the decease of Henry Troth untill the
end of the present year - after which
our Samuel T Troth expects to continue
the business in his own name; Having
long served the Mint with articles in
our line, we should be much obliged
for a continuation of the custom, and
will spare no pains to give satisfaction in
every respect

With much respect yours

Henry Troth & Co

Mint of the U. S.

July 9th, 1842.

Sir,

The Secretary of the Treasury has referred to me your letter to him of the 27th ult., in which you ask "whether there is any charge at the U. S. Mint for coining dimes & 2 dimes from foreign silver, & if so how much."

I answer that if the foreign silver is of our standard, and sufficiently ductile to be made into small coins, there is no charge for the operation. Such would be the case, for example, with a deposit of 5 pound pieces, of which the whole weight would be returned in small coins. But where the silver is below standard, there is a charge for refining, - where it is above standard there is a charge for alloy introduced, - & where it is deficient in ductility, there is a charge for toughening. Mexican dollars are subjected, under these heads, to a charge of 50 cents per \$100.

R.M.P.
Ld.

Yr
Obedt Servt

Mint of the United States,
Treasurer's Office, July 7th 1842.

Sir,

I herewith forward you
the quarterly accounts of the operations
of the Mint for the quarter ending the
30th day of June 1842, which I hope
you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^d Serv^t
(Signed) Isaac Roach
Treas.

Wm Tully, R. Wise, Esq,
1st Auditor of the Treasury,
Washington.

New York July 7th 1842

Wm Patterson Esq
Director of Mint of U.S
Phila

Dear Sir

We herewith forward
to you adamp per "Jacob Shipman One Bag containing
Sixteen packages of Gold dust weighing 407 1/2 oz
gross which we beg to have coined as early as
convenient in order to accomodate a Spanish Gentle-
man and friend of ours who wishes to Embark for
South Amer. at an early day. The packages are marked
J B Q. You will please order the package No 16
to be kept separate in order that we may know
the separate value of that which is a different interest
from the other 15 packages. Please return us a receipt
as usual and the Certificate of the Value by
Mail as early as may be.

We beg to thank you for your attention to
Mr. Hastings who was much gratified with his visit
to the Mint. We remain
Very Respectfully Yours
Wm Patterson

Senate Chamber

July 5. 1842

N. M. Patterson Esq

S. Sir,

My friend, Levi Johnson Esq,
of Maine, being about to pass through Phil^a
is desirous of visiting the Mint of the U.S.
May I ask of you the favor to allow
him to do so, & of witnessing its operations?

Very respectfully

Yours &c &c

Geo Evans

Mint of the U. S.
August 29. 1842.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th,
I have to state, that, ~~in~~ ^{of Dr. Flügel's} charge of \$30.93, only
the sum of \$15.16 was ^{specimen} for coins, sent to this Mint,
which was forwarded to him in specimens of our own
coinage, on the 14th August 1840; and which sum he
has correctly credited. I should observe, however, that
two billon coins of Saxony were received from Dr. Flügel
through the Department of State, only a few days since;
their value is $\frac{1}{3}$ thaler, or 23 cents of U. S.

As it respects the preceding charges, they are
correctly based, as to the facts, but the charges themselves I
can scarcely understand. The postage on the letter is
stated to be "G. 18. 3"; and the carriage of the package
is $41\frac{1}{2}$ groschen, & the postage on a previous letter $9\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
making "2. 3." I presume the "18. 3" means good-gros-
chen & pfennings, & equal to 52 cts. of our money; the
"2. 3" must be thalers & good-groschen, about \$1.48.

Respectfully &c &c

I know not what are the customary allowances

of the Department to General, but I deem it right to state,

R. M. P.
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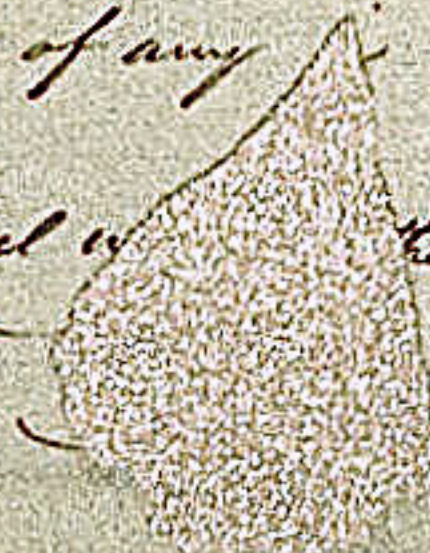
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McClintock Spring, Tex., }
Acting Sec. of Treas. }

Mint of the United States,
Aug. 29. 1842.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th, I have to state that we use at this Mint the German Black lead crucibles, ~~which~~^{they} are imported for us by Mr. John Bohlen of this city. - The American article ~~which you mention~~ has been tried at the Mint, but it did not give satisfaction. We do not know of any in this market that can be depended upon.

Charcoal is the only fuel used in the melting-furnaces.



W. L.
D.

C. Flint Spear, Esq, }
New York.

Rm Patterson Esq
Director. U S Mint.

New York August 28. 1832

Phil^a How^d Sir

I have rec^d an order from
the Governor of the Mint at Mexico to forward to him
"German Black Lead Crucible, — No. 8. — to melt pure
Gold into bars or sheets." — I am not able to procure
them here, those persons who have kept them are
now without them — I have found an American
Pb Lead Crucible No 10. Made by Sixas Phil^a
and have taken the liberty to address you — to
ascertain when you procure your German
Pb Leads, if you use them, & if you do not, please
inform me what kind you do use, whether
you burn Anthracite or Charcoal in melting &c
I shall be gratified to receive the information
desired & any thing which may be of service
to me in a matter upon which I am entirely —
ignorant

I am Sir

Very Respy to
you Wth Lot

Thos Spear

Treasury Department
Aug. 27. 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge an account received from the
Comptroller at Seaside in Jan. 1841 and returned to him
for some informality and again forwarded by him
to the State Department there are the following charges.
"Sept. 16. 1840. 1 letter from the Director of the U.S. Mint
"at Philadelphia acknowledging receipt of two suits of
"Coins by way of barter ————— Geo. 18. 3.
"Nov. 11th 1 package from W. Patterson 21 1/2 Groshen
"A previous letter dup. do 9 1/2 do 2. 3

There is the following statement at the foot of the
account viz. "Account rendered Dec. 2. 1839 ————— \$ 30.93
Credit — Received from the Director of the Mint
"at Philad^a for two suits of Silver Coins trans-
"mitted to the Hon E. Woodbury Secretary of
"the Treasury and charged in my account
"of Dec. 2nd 1839 ————— \$ 15.16 1/2
\$ 15.76 1/2

The Department is at a loss to understand whether
the charge of \$30.93 was for coins, or whether other charges
were included - Be pleased to state whether there is
any thing due to Mr. Hugel for Coins sent by him that
his account may be adjusted.

Very Respectfully

Wm. L. Patterson
Philad^a

Treasury Department
Aug^d. 25. 1842.

Sir

Yours of the 22nd enclosing the bonds
of Mr. Sprague &c was duly received and the bonds
approved and filed. I transmit herewith two
pieces of Saxon Coin received from the Consul at
Lipsic thro' the Department of State.

Very Respectfully

W^m L. Young
Act. Sec. of the Treas.

D. R. M. Patterson.

introduced into his bond is made \$5000; while
~~the amount~~ for each of the other clerks, who
have a very inferior pecuniary trust placed
in them, the amount of \$1000 was deemed
sufficient.

P. M. P.

Wm. Walter Forward.
Sec. of the Treasury.

Memorandum of Bonds received as above
Ed. Sprague, ^{Clerk of Weigh-room} dated June 8, 1837, for \$5,000: Sureties,
Joseph B. Mitchell & Jas. Hunt.

Dr. Dr., dated Aug. 19, 1842, for \$5000.
Sureties, Jas. Hunt & John Cavanagh.

Geo. W. Edelman, ^{Clerk of Post-office} dated June 8, 1837, for \$1,000.
Surety Isaac Edelman.

Thos. F. Domingue, Director's Clerk, dated Jan. 1,
1838, for \$1,000. Surety Robt. L. Domingue, Esq.

Form of Bond.

Know all men by these presents, that We, E. S.
Clerk of the Weigh-room in the Mint of the U.S. at
Philadelphia, and J. C., shoe dealer of Philad.,
& J. H. of Phil. County, are held & firmly bound unto
the U.S. of America, in the sum of Five Thousand dollars,
lawful money of the U.S., to which payment well
& truly to be made, we do bind ourselves and each
of us, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly
& severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our
seals, & dated the 19th day of August, in the year
of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred & forty-
two, (1842.)

The condition of the above obligati-
on is such that if the said Ed. S. shall
faithfully & diligently perform the duties of clerk
of the Weigh-room aforesaid, according to law,
then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to re-
main in full force & virtue.

Sealed & delivered,

Signed Ed. Sprague. (E.S.)

in presence of us:—

J. F. D. witness to Ed. S.

Signed Jas. Hunt. (J.S.)

D. M. H. " J. H.

J. M. S. " J. C.

Signed John Cavanagh. (J.S.)

Wm. H. H.
Aug 15, 1842.

Sir, I have to thank you for your letter of the 19th inst., and am glad to learn from it that the Foreign Coin Bill may still escape being smothered by the crowd of business at the close of the session. I am utterly at a loss to imagine on what grounds Mr. Benton can found his opposition; but I am sure that my report of the 11th of February, and my subsequent correspondence with yourself, will put you in possession of such facts as can hardly fail to convince any fair spirit.

R. M. P.

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Wm. Geo. Evans,
Ch. Comm. on Finance
U. S. Senate.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, August 15. 1842.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your
letters of January 20. and June 7. 1841, I herewith
send you a copy of the "Manual of Coins and Bullion"
by the Assayer of this Mint, just published, and
~~two~~ copper copies of ^{two} our National medals, lately
struck (among many others) by order of Government.
Under the heads of Austria, Switzerland, and Silver
Plate, in the Manual, you will perceive that your
various communications have been made use of, and
duly credited. The medals are such as are struck
at the accession of each President, for presents to our
Indian Chiefs; and hence called "Indian Medals."

As it is desirable to settle our accounts from
time to time, I beg leave to remind you, that the
Greek coins transmitted by you, still unpaid for, were

valued at \$9.40; and that you estimated that the Swiss coins and pamphlets would not exceed \$2.00; to which add "postage from Switzerland 1 fl 14 x" or 62 ct. making a ~~credit~~ total of \$12.02. To meet this, the price of the two medals is \$5.00, of the Manual \$5.00, an Imperial dollar of Brazil (scarce here) \$1.00, ^{and} a new Bolivian dollar, \$1.00, ~~and a few quarter reals of Mexico and Peru to make good the remainder.~~

Agreeably to your suggestion, I shall forward this package, if possible, by the Department of State, and the American Embassy at Paris.

I would inform you that no coins are struck for Canada, Texas, Yucatan, or Montevideo, and probably none in Paraguay.

I shall be glad to have the favour of your continued correspondence, and meantime remain,

Yours faithful servt

R. M. P.

J. G. Schwarz Esq.

U. S. Consul,

Vienna.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia. August 15. 1842.

Dear Sir,

May I beg the favour of you to send, ~~under your auspices~~, to the Austrian Embassy in Paris, the accompanying package addressed to J. G. Schwarz, Esq. American Consul at Vienna, containing one book and letter, and sundry medals and coins. This method of transmission was requested by Mr. Schwarz.

I send also a volume (the same as in the package for Mr. S.) entitled "A Manual of Coins and Bullion" just published by the Assayers of this Mint, some of the materials for which were procured through your intervention. The authors have learned, through a ^{letter published} publication in the National Intelligencer, that ~~an~~ a literary institution has lately been opened in Paris, called The American Athenaeum, to which contributions in books and other publications are invited. They would be

Obliged to you, if you will present, in their name, this
copy of their work to that Institution.

I have the honor to be
your faithful servt

R M D

His Excellency
Lewis Cass

U.S. Envoy Extraordinary,
Hc. Hc.

Min't of the United States.
Aug. 15th, 1842.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 13th inst.,
I have to state that the weight reported in the
assay receipt, as that of your deposits made
on the 11th, was the entire gross weight, with-
out deduction. In confirmation of its ac-
curacy, I ~~have~~^{may} mention that all deposits
of this ~~character~~^{kind} are weighed three times. First on delivery
to the Treasurer: secondly by the Assayer and
Refiner when delivered to him; and thirdly
by the Treasurer when redelivered to him in
bars. The first and second weighings must
correspond, and were found to do so in the
present instance; the third generally falls
short, from the removal of dirt &c., and you
will see that, in your deposits, the loss by
melting was 2.50 oz.

I send enclosed a memorandum of the
result of your deposits. You will see that
it falls considerably short of your counted
value.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

W. J. C. Brewer, Esq.
Cash. Suffolk Bank,
Boston.

P. M. P.

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Howd Thos A Burton

Cincinnati Augth 15 1842

Dr Sir

I herewith Enclosed to you three
ten cent pieces of the Coinage of 1842. I have
examined minutely the engraving, and I am led to
the belief they are all struck from the same die —
though two of them are bad and one good, —
I ask your particular examination — I cannot detect
the slightest differences, even ⁱⁿ the focus of the drapery
and cut of the same depth, and correspond with each other
in every figure, so far as I can discover. — The coin
has been made at Phila^a, as I am informed the letter
— on the reverse side designates those made at Orleans,
These are without that Mark. — Knowing you
fell in common with many others, a deep in-
terest in ~~the~~ the establishment of a
currency of the precious metals, I have taken
the liberty to call your attention to this matter
that it may if you coincide with me in opinion
as to the place of their origin — be investigated
and the perpetrators brought to light

I am your
friend
Wm Barton

you will observe the counterfeits are
thinner than the genuine.

SURREY HALL.

Boston,

August 13 1842.

Dear Sir,

On the 8th instant, we sent by *Camden* (so
express, a sealed keg of mutilated and other Silver
Coins, containing \$3300. and weighing here. 2818 ounces,
Twenty Eight hundred Eighteen ounces - for the purpose
of assay.

This morning I have received a
Certificate, dated August 11. 1842 signed by Edw. Sprague
for the Treasurer, in favour of W. A. Bond stating
the amount to be "gross weight 2810 ⁹⁰/₁₀₀ ounces,

Will you be good enough to inform me if that was
the whole weight of the Silver in the keg, or the amount
of pure Silver, after any spurious metal may have
been rejected.

With much respect

Yrs. Chas. L. L.

J. S. Brewer Esq.

To the Treasurer
of the U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Wash. Aug 14. 1842

Mr. Patten

It is my purpose to call up the General
Bill, to which you refer, as soon as possible.
It was postponed a few days ago at the
request of Mr. Benton, who intends to oppose it,
& was not then prepared - He threatens serious
war upon it, but upon what grounds I do
not know.

Very Resp^t

Yours

Geo Evans

R. M. Patterson Esq

Taunton Aug. 7th 1842.
R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director
N. Y. Mills.
Sirs -

We have received
your favor of the 8th inst. - in
reply have to request you to forward
the amount now due to us, in cash to
Messrs. A. J. Swillat & Sonnet, Battle
by canal bridge, dividing the amount about
equally -

Yours

Very Respectfully
Geo. H. Brooks

Min't of the United States.
• Aug. 11th, 1849.

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I have been looking with anxiety for the
 action of Congress upon the "Bill regulating
 the currency of foreign gold and silver in the
 United States," reported by you to the Senate on
 the 13th of April. Can it act, even now,
 be passed into a law? I consider it an
 important measure, and I presume it to
 be one that can hardly give rise to oppo-
 sition. Excuse me for now ^{calling} ~~reminding~~
~~calling~~ your attention to it.

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P.M.P.

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To Mr. Geo. Evans,

Chairman of Committee on Finance
U. S. Senate.

Wm. of the United States,
Aug. 8, 1852
Gentlemen,

In consequence of the breaking
down of our old cast-press, some modifica-
tion had to be made as to your instin-
tions, with regard to the payment for the last
invoice. We are now ready to pay the bal-
ance which still remains due on that ac-
count, and will do so as soon as your wishes
in the matter shall be made known to us.

R. M. P.
L.

Crocker, Bros. & Co.,

Printers,
New York.

Philadelphia,
Aug. 26, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I ask the liberty of presenting
to you a specimen, executed at the
eldest, of the new electrotypo process
invented by Jacobé.

With high respect,

Your faithful Servant,
P. W. Patterson.

To
Wm. G. John Quincy Adams.

To Care U.S. Mint New York Aug 5th 1838
We forward you with this
a bar of Metal contg about 878 dwt Gold & 105 oz
Silver, for which please forward us the value
in half Eagles & Half Dollars.
We also send \$11560 & dwt French Silver Coin
for which we wish return in Half Dollars. Please
send us a separate Statement of this from the bar
above mentioned.

Respectfully Yours

Blatt & Brother
New York

Washington July 29. 1842

Dear Sir

I was able yesterday to get up the Bill in which the appropriations for the Mint are contained. They were passed without difficulty - and I believe there would have been the same absence of difficulty in obtaining the appropriation for purchasing the lot - but your letter having arrived the day before in which you announce the fact that the purchase cannot be made - and that the appropriation has therefore become unnecessary, it was struck from the Bill. I regret the inconvenience which will be occasioned by a most unfortunate delay.

Yrs very respectfully

J. P. Ingersoll

Dr Wm Patterson

Philadelphia

Dept of the U. States,
Treasurer's Office, Sept. 30. 1842.

Sir,

I herewith forward you
the quarterly statement ending this day
as a Depositor of the public money.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. Serv.
(Signed) Isaac Roach
Treasurer.

Wm. Selden Esq.
Treasurer of the U. States,
Washington.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

Sep 24

1842.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States

P. M. Patterson Esqr

Mr. Cable will advise Mr. Stewart by leaving this package at the United
States mint at Philadelphia as it
contains medals for the mint - A Monsieur

Monsieur Dr. Beck.

A Philadelphie
(Etats-Unis)

Boîte
renfermant
5 médailles.

Accompagné
aux soins obligés
d'Amos Campbell
Stewart

Hôtel des Monnaies à
Philadelphie.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

26 Sept 1842.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the
same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign
and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant.

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esqr

Mint U.S.

Sept. 13. 42.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending enclosed a letter for John P. Brown Esq., the Dragoman of the U.S. Legation at Constantinople, which you will greatly oblige me by causing to be sent with the first dispatches from the Department. The correspondence is exclusively on the subject of coins, of which many of much interest have been sent to the Mint by Mr. Brown, accompanied by valuable information.

R. M. P.

Director.

To/ Fletcher Webster, Esq.,
Acting Sec. of State. }

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Sep. 24, 1842.

Sir,
I received, from the Secretary of the Treasury, a letter of the 9th inst., in which he stated that he had issued his warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for \$8000. This amount has not yet been forwarded, and it is of great importance that it should be in our hands before the close of the month. I pray you, then, to excuse me for calling it to your attention.

A. M. P.
Jr.

Wm. Selden, Esq.
Treasurer of the United States

Gentlemen,

Unit of the United States,
Sept. 23. 1842.

Our Assayer, Mr. Eckfeldt, has found that an error was committed in reporting the fineness, & consequently the value, of a deposit of gold made by you on the 15th inst. The mistake had its origin in the accidental exchange to two assay-pans, one yours, the other of a deposit made by Mess. Benson of this city; in consequence of which yours was reported at 888, & his at 897, whereas the reports should have been reversed, as has been determined by repeating the assays. The balance due to you, on your deposit, is \$11.68, which will be paid on your order.

Very respectfully,

R. M. P.

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To Messrs. Beahm & Bushnell,
New York. }

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Auditor's Office,

September 23^d 1842.

Sir:

A Requisition, No. 6001 dated 21st Instant
drawn by the SECRETARY OF WAR on the Treasury, has this day been sent to the
proper office for a Warrant to be issued in your favor, for _____

Fifteen Hundred _____

Dollars, ~~100~~

which will be transmitted to you by the Treasurer of the United States, and for which
sum you are held accountable under the following Appropriations:

"Medals for Indian Chiefs"

On receipt whereof be pleased to forward an acknowledgment to this office, addressed
to the Auditor, as usual, Respectfully, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Lewis
Actg Audr

Navy Department.
21 September 1892

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 17th inst on the subject of the Burnow's medal, & in reply inform you that I can do nothing in relation to it. The gentleman in Baltimore who claiming the medal is fully aware of its present condition, & if he will not redeem it, the officers of the Mint will, of course, do with it as they please.

I am respectfully
Yours obt Servt
A W Sprague

R M Patterson Esq.
Director U S Mint.
Philad^a.

War Department,
September 21st 1842.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 17th instant, in the absence of the Secretary of War, I have the honor to state that \$2000 was appropriated during the last session of Congress for making medals bearing the head of the President to be given to Indian Chiefs. Of this, \$500 was paid to Mr. Peltick, and a requisition has this day been made in your favor for \$1500, which the Treasury Department is requested to remit to you as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servt.

S. Parker

Chief Clerk

N. W. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia Penn^a

West M. A.
Sept. 19, 1842.

Gentlemen,

I have ^{daily received} ~~the acknowledgment~~ of your letter of the 12th inst.

In view of our present supply of copper coins and of the diminished demand for them, I have to regret that we cannot receive more than five tons of the plan-
chets which you have proposed for us.
I will not again, however, that you have
new keys made for the order now pre-
sented; but I hope that, for the future,
you will take care to give us a dis-
position of small keys.

P. M. P.
Dever

Wm. Crocker, Esq., Secy,
Treasury, Mass.

Mint Wash
Apr. 17/54.

Sir,

Since my letter to you of the 22d of
Jan. last, I have heard nothing on the
subject of the Burrows medal, deposited
at the Mint for coinage on the 1st of that
month. May I take the liberty of inquir-
ing whether any steps have been taken in
Baltimore such as I suggested, and if so
whether they have led to a confirmation
of the surmise of Mr. Thompson that the
medal was stolen ~~from the family of~~
~~some~~ As the deposit was actually paid
for, the coinage of the medal itself, or of
gold to the same value furnished from
some other source, is rendered necessary,
and the officer who is responsible for the
amount is anxious to have the ^{matter} brought
to a conclusion.

P.M.P.

H/ Hon. A. S. Upshur }
Sec. of Army. }

Wash. D. C.

Sept. 17 / 49.

Sir, Permit me to ask whether an appropriation was made by at the late Session of Congress for defraying the expense of making a list of ~~the~~ ^{the} Indian ~~should~~ ^{should} bearing the hand of the President, to be given to Indian Chiefs, as has been the custom heretofore. In consequence of our former correspondence on this subject, you are aware that some steps have already been taken for accomplishing this object. ~~Permit me to~~ ^{Let me inquire} ~~if you~~ ^{whether} ~~they are to be~~ ^{the} work is to go forward.

R. M. P.

To / Hon. Mr. C. Spencer,
Sec. of War.

Mint U. States
Sept. 13. 42

Dear Sir,

A lad from the B.M. Depot brought the deposits of gold, with your letter of the 1st inst., to my house after the Mint was closed. I at first refused to receive it, but, at his earnest desire, ^{and} as your letter was addressed to me, I went with him to the Mint, & placed the bar in my own desk. Now from this time, the whole affair was so entirely dismissed from my mind, that the gold remained unthought of until the receipt of your letter of this morning. I have had it deposited, & send you the receipt payable to your order. The value of the deposit, as ascertained by the Assayer, is \$ 92.65 ; the fineness, 1445/1000 only.

R. M. P.

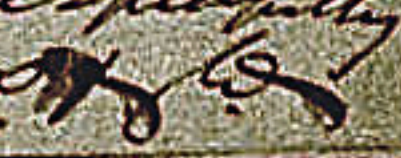
J. C. Smith Esq.
Baltimore.

Prairie Sept. 12. 1842.
R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director.
Sir -

We are in receipt
of your esteemed favor of the 9th inst. &
take due note of its contents.

Anticipating an order from you this
autumn, we have now packed & ready
for shipment ten tons planches in kegs
of the same weight as heretofore. These
we should like the privilege of sending
you - this future will conform to your
wishes as expressed in your letter - or if
you require we will do so in the order
now given -

We have recently had made an
unusually large number of kegs - not being
able to purchase a small number ~~of~~ so
advantageous terms -

Awaiting your reply. We remain
Yours. Very Respectfully
Richard D. D. 

Mont of the United States
Philadelphia, Sept 10, 1842

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 11th of May, which reached me on the 11th of July.

I made inquiry as to the apparent neglect on the part of the Corresponding Secretary of the American Philosophical Society to acknowledge the receipt of your interesting collection of Ottoman Coins, and I was glad to find that the letter of thanks had ^{now} been in fact written, and put in the hands of ^{our} Librarian, the late Mr. Bayhan, to be forwarded. It may have miscarried, or, which is equally probable, it may have been overlooked by Mr. Bayhan who was ^{at the time very} ~~very~~ ^{unwell} ~~unwell~~ ^{infirm}. A duplicate is herewith sent to you.

You mention that you have made another collection of coins, and ask my advice as to the Society ^{with} to which I would recommend that it be deposited. I presume you are aware that an ^{institute} ~~Society~~ has been established at Washington, under the most promising auspices, of which Mr. Smith is President, and which has the heads of departments and all the most distinguished men about the government and in the United States for

members. ~~It is called the "National Institution"~~ It has magnificent apartments in the new Patent Office; has the collections of the late Emperor's Expedition committed to its keeping; &c. ~~Presented to this for the most perfect~~ It is ^{called} the "National Institution". Would it not be the most perfect Society for you to select for the donation which you propose to make?

Mr. Dubois, perhaps will add a postscript to this letter, I leave it to him to speak of the work on Coins, &c.

P. M. P.
Director &c.

To
Messrs. P. Barrow, Esq. &
W. J. Dragoman,
Constantinople.

Dear Sir,

The Director having granted us the favor of adding a postscript, we think it proper to inform you, that we have availed ourselves of your valuable letters on Eastern Coins, and of the specimens sent therewith, in a publication recently put out by us, entitled "A Manual of Gold & Silver Coins of all Nations, struck within the past Century" together with

original researches in the precious metals, plate, jewelry, &c. embodied in a quarto of 220 pages; with 177 plates, containing a front view of the Mint, and copies of about 200 specimens of coins. In preparing this work, we had the aid of an extensive correspondence with foreign ministers & consuls of the U. States, which, in the proper places, has carefully been credited to them; your contributions have been acknowledged under the several heads of Egypt, Persia, & Turkey. The work has been well received thus far. A part of the edition will be published in England & France by arrangements already made.

Very respectfully,
your oblique servants,
J. R. Eckfeldt, &
Wm. E. Dubois,
Attorneys of the Mint,
of the U. S.

(Copy)

Treasury Department
September 9. 1842.

Sir

I reply to the request contained in your letter of the 8th inst. I have to remark that a warrant has this day issued in favor of Mr. Road Treasurer of the Mint, for the sum of \$8,000. on account as follows, viz.

Salaries of Officers 5,000.

Compensation of Laborers 3,000.

which amount will be transmitted by the Treasurer of the U. S. as soon as the warrant passes the usual forms of business.

It appears by the 22^d Sec. No. 32 of an Act of Congress approved August 26 1842. that the following are appropriations made on account of the Mint at Philadelphia.

"For coinage expenses, including materials, implements, fuel, power, machinery, repairs of old, die making, wastage of gold & silver, at Philadelphia Mint - fifteen thousand, two hundred dollars."

"For house expenses, including water-rent, taxes, repairs, lighting, cleaning & heating at the same - four thousand Dollars."

"For office expenses, including stationery & postage - six hundred Dollars."

Permit me to observe, that when the public service requires a remittance to be made to the Treasurer of the Mint, on account of the above mentioned appropriations, it is essential carefully to distinguish the object as contemplated by the language of the law.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint Philadelphia

Very respectfully, Sir,
I remain your Obedt Servt.
"Signed" Wm. B. Ewing
Treasurer of the Mint

Mint of the United States.
Sept. 9, 1842.

Gentlemen,

We have about \$2500 worth of cents on hand, and we are therefore not now in want of planchets, yet I think it prudent to order a small amount to be sent any time before the probable closing of the navigation. ~~which~~

~~of our own cents sold us~~

Now most of our cents are called for in parcels of \$100 each, and it is therefore very desirable that you should send us the planchets in bags which will hold this amount. I would therefore accordingly beg you to prepare for us twenty kegs of planchets, each containing 250 lbs. *Arvidupris*.

If you have any objections to fulfilling the order as now given, I beg you to inform me.

P.M.P.

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To/
Messrs. Crocker Bros. & Co
Salem, Mass.

Treasury Department
Septemb. 7th 1842

Sir,

In reply to the request contained in your letter of the 8th inst. I have to remark that a warrant has this day issued in favor of Mr. Moock Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of \$8000 on account as follows, viz.

Salaries of Officers &c	5000
Compensation of Laborers	3000

which amount will be transmitted by the Treasurer of the U.S. as soon as the warrant passes the usual forms of business.

It appears by the 22nd Dec No. 32 of an Act of Congress Approved August 26. 1842 that the following are appropriations made on account of the Mint at Philadelphia.

- "For Coinage expenses, including materials & implements, fuel, new machinery, & repairs of old, die making, & wastage of gold & silver at the Philadelphia Mint - fifteen thousand two hundred Dollars"
- "For house expenses, including water-rent & taxes, repairs, lighting, cleaning & watching at the same - four thousand Dollars."
- "For office expenses, including stationery & postage - six hundred Dollars"

Permit me to observe, that when the public service requires a remittance to be made to the Treasurer of the Mint, on account of the above mentioned appropriations, it is material carefully to distinguish the objects as contemplated by the language of the law.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully Sir
I remain your Obedt. Servt

Wm. M. G. French
Secretary of the Treasury

Albion N. S.
Sept. 8th, 1842.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you
will issue your warrant in favor of the
Treasurer of the Militia for eight thousand
dollars, out of the appropriations for the
present year, viz.

For Salaries of Officers and Clerks,	\$ 5000
For wages of men, &c.,	3000
	<u>\$ 8,000</u>

To

(Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury. }

V. R. M. P.
Director.

May I ask you to do me the
favor of communicating to me the items and
amounts of the appropriations made to replace
that ^{originally} asked for ^{the} continuing out expenses for this Militia?

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

REGISTER'S OFFICE,

September 7th, 1842.

SIR,

In compliance with the act of Congress of the 26th ultimo, to define and establish the fiscal year for the Treasury of the United States, I have the honor to request that the estimates which have heretofore been prepared for the calendar year ending 31st December, be made for the half year ending the 30th June, 1843, and separate estimates for the year ending 30th June, 1844, be prepared and transmitted to this Office at your earliest convenience, that they may be communicated to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury at the ensuing session.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Register of the Treasury U. S.

*Robert M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad.*

Wm. W. L.
Feb. 21, 1842.

Gentlemen,

On the 21st I sent you an order for
five tons of ~~ref~~ coal plumbago to be delivered
in cash of 240 lbs each. I now ask you
to send me an additional invoice of five
tons, in the same terms.

P.M.P.

Dear

To

Messrs Crocker, Brew. & Co.

Trautman, Mass.

New York 30th October 1842

R. M. Patterson
Director of the United States
Philadelphia

Dear Sir: By the recommendation of
our friends Everett & Babbitt, I address
to you by today's mail, enclosing Hardy
Chapman's receipt.

For three small packages of gold
dust of very good quality, marked A.D.
No 1 & R No 5 & 6 which I beg of you
to have coined for me, making two
separate Billions that of A.D. in one
& R in another & send them to me
as soon as practicable - in American
gold. The amount in South America
is \$1305.

I always have remittances from
my country in gold dust & availing of
the kindness you conferred on Mr. Monte
my I will always address to you.
Begging to offer you my services in
this place.

I Remain my Dear Sir

Yours &c &c

Josias Dominguez

at the Exchange Place



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New-York Oct 31st 184

Wm Patterson
Quincy to Quincy
Phila

Freight, \$.50

Paid

Received of *J. Corning*

One Parcel said to contain
gold
Numbered and marked as in the margin, which we promise to for-
ward by our Express to Philadelphia and deliver it
as addressed
or Agent, (loss by fire and perils of the Seas excepted.)

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FOR HARDEN & Co.

W. Clapp

Mint of U.S.

Oct. 26. 1842.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., respecting the weights left at the Mint to be adjusted. I find, on inquiry, that these weights were not put into the hands of the Assayer, but into those of Mr. Saxton, the Mechanician who makes the balances, dies, &c. for the Mint & who was peculiarly competent to the task. He had considerable changes to make in all the weights, & had several new ones to make, & Mr. Eckfeldt thinks his charge of \$4.50 was a just & moderate one, though, (as I now learn for the first time,) his bill was returned to him by Mr. Loring with a very insulting message. The weights will be sent on to New York, by Handall's line, immediately.

R. M. P.

D. W. Stone, Esq.,
Pulvright,
N.Y.

Mont U.S. Oct. 24, 1842

Gentlemen,
I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 22. ult., announcing that
you have shipped for us, 29 casts, planchets, am-
ounting to \$ 3,637.75. Your wishes, with regard to the
payment shall be attended to on the receipt of
the planchets.

I comply with your desire, by authorizing
the shipment of 5 tons more of planchets,
provided that you can send them in hundred
dollar casts, as requested in my letter of Sept.
9.

H. M. P.

L,

Cooker, Bros. & Co.
Huntton, Mass.

Branch Bank of C. F. & Co.
Raleigh N.C. Oct. 24. 1842

Dear Sir

When I was in Philadelphia and
at the Mint on the 19th ult. you told me, in
answer to my inquiries about Gold weights
- that the Assayers would adjust weights for
me if I would get them (that it was a
privilege allowed them for which they made
a small charge) having to leave Phila. that
afternoon I did not then procure the
weights but shortly after my return home
Mr. Dupuy, one of the Directors of this Bank -
a Silas Smith & Co. was about going in to
Philadelphia & I requested him to take the
weights I had here to the Mint for me &
get them adjusted - and was very much
surprised on his return to learn that
he had not brought the weights - his reasons
for not doing so - and the very rude
manner in which he had returned the
ass for adjusting them & the weights
I hope from this sample you will not judge
also - there will be some small extra in
all communications and I regret that it was
my misfortune to entrust such a man
with my business - Please make this known

Messrs E. C. Felt & Du Bois and have them
 my debt on 3rd page on P. & M. 14th Jan. \$4.50
 which I suppose tells you is the amount of their
 debt & request them to send the weight to
 Messrs. Bryan & Maitland 176. Front Street N.Y.
 for care. & if convenient to do so I should
 be glad to have them there by next Monday
 as they will have a private opportunity of
 sending them to me.

Very Respectfully

Wm. M. Olt. Esq.

Dr. R. M. Patterson

D. W. Howard

Sicca. N.Y. Dist.

Philadelphia Pa

Recd. 26. 26.
 Oct. 24. 1841.
 Raleigh, N.C.
 Dr. W. Stone, Esq.
 11th St. N.Y.

Dauntin Oct 22. 1842.

Rev. Father & Son
Dauntin

Yrs -

Almexed we have
bill 113 Lading of 29 cases, 12 cases, shipped
to Lisbon, amounting to \$ 3.637 ¹⁰/₁₀₀ -

We will thank you to forward the amount
in cash, to Messrs A. & W. & Co. & Co. & Co. & Co.
by canal line, to New York, dividing the amount
as near as convenient -

As one sixth of cent is small for the
coming winter, we should be glad if you
would authorize a further shipment of fine
Tins -

Yours -

Yrs.

Very Respectfully
Oscar Doro

J. Patterson
U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir

We shall bring
the two engravers to visit
the Mint in the morning
at 11 o'clock and hope
it will be agreeable for you
to receive them.

Yours truly
Wages.

J. Patterson.

Oct. 16. 1842

Taunton Oct 15. 1842;

Rev. W. Patterson Esq.
Director.

Sir.

All duly received
your favor of the 19th inst. and have
not since found an opportunity of shipping
the planches. —

Supposing that you are not in
immediate want, we shall wait awhile
for an opportunity of shipping by one of
our own vessels. & if we do not soon
see will forward them some other way.
We are

Yours.

Very Respectfully
Charles D. D. D.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
Oct 8th 1842

Sir

Your Accounts of Gold & Silver Bullions
and Copper Coins are rec^d

To
Isaac Roach Esq
Measurer &c

With due Respect
Your Obt Servant
Wm D. Perre
Acting F. Auditor

Minist of the United States,
Treasures Office, Oct 7 1842.

Sir,

I herewith forward you
the quarterly accounts of the operations of
the Mint for the quarter ending the 30th
day of September 1842, which I hope you
will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^d Serv^t,
Signed J. Sam. Peck
Treasurer

To Tully, R. Wile & Co.
1st Auditor of the Treasury
Washington

Minist. of the United States

Oct. 5th, 1849.

Gentlemen,

The specimen of silver native silver which
you placed in my hands has been examined by
Mr. Pollock, and yields the following results.

Original weight - 192 grains	192 grs.
Weight after melting down with borax	146 "
Weight of pure metal, —	121
Weight of gold in this pure metal	0.061

It appears therefore that 625 thousandths of
the original specimen was of silver, containing but
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of a thousandth of gold, or a proportion not
worth the cost of separating.

R. M. D.

By
Mess. Blackburn & King.

(Copy)
Mint of the United States
Treasury Office.
October 1st 1845.

Sir,

I forward you herewith, the quarterly
accounts of the Ordinary receipts and expenditures of
the Mint, for the third quarter of the present year, which
I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully -

Your most obedt Servt.

(Signed) - G. B. Road,

Treasurer

Wm. R. House Esq
First Auditor of the Treasury.

Mount U. States,
Oct. 1. 1842.

Sir,

I have this day received, from the
Treasurer of the U. States, the amount of
the requisition No. 6001, mentioned in your
letter of the 22^d ult., for fifteen hundred
dollars, of the appropriation for "Medals,
for Indian Chiefs".

R. M. P.
D.

To
Wm. B. Lewis, Esq,
2^d Auditor.



Washington, D.C. Nov. 27th 42.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 25th inst reached me this morning and gave me the highest pleasure, both as a mark of your esteem for me as an artist, and as relating to contemplated modifications of the coinage. I have thought much on this subject and should deem myself most happy if by any aid of mine your views could be furthered.

However easy it may be to find fault with the coin as it now stands, I believe you will agree with me that any great change in it is a matter exceedingly perplexing and difficult.

I am particularly anxious to learn your opinion on the following points: Should the several coins be similar in design, though varying in size? I have remarked that such a similarity has its advantages, as in the Spanish Dollar Half, quarter, eighth & sixteenth of a dollar. Should every coin of whatever sort bear upon one of its faces and in a most conspicuous position, its denomination and value in full Roman letters?

I have at various times prepared designs for coins of the United States. I shall be happy to lay them before you when I have had a fuller explanation of your own views; at present I will merely say that the objects to which I have mainly directed my attention are, Nationality and Simplicity. to secure these, it would be necessary that each part should have a distinct and palpable meaning and that all such

images as from their vagueness are forced to have their
name written on them, should be omitted

The machine for reducing the medallion
into the size of the coin induces us I think a union
of design and execution such as has not hitherto been seen,
I am sure that I need not enlarge on the advantages of
such a coinage - the combination of beautiful form and
graceful arrangement with the most effective practical
organization in every department of the Mint shews me
that you are prepared to intrust me on this head

I am Dear Sir

Very respectfully

Your obliged friend & Servant
Horatio Greenough

R. M. Patterson Esqr

[The following item may be of sufficient interest for notice in the next Annual Report.]

The crowns & half crowns of France, a coinage which terminated with Louis XVI., had of late years become ^{very} ~~so~~ rare, ~~as to be~~ ^{scarcely} seldom received for recoinage. Indeed, it is well understood that the great mass of them have passed through the French refineries, for the sake of ~~extracting~~ the modicum of gold contained in them. However, our material for the past year (1842) has been ~~largely consisted of these coins~~ suddenly & largely ~~been~~ reinforced by this very coinage. In Novr 1841, some small parcels were sent here upon trial, by a bank in Montreal, and found to yield more than their current value; for altho' the coins were greatly reduced by wear, ~~from 6 to 12 per cent on the~~ the reduction of value by tale was proportionally too great. This discovery having been made, the current set in from Canada almost immediately, so that, from Jan'y 1st to this date (Nov. 25) the amount is over \$200,000. [171,460 stand. ozt.]

MS
Davenport Nov 25. 1842.

Mr. Vatterson Esq.
Director

Dear Sir -

MS
I enclose herewith
bill of 5 tons planks shipped for Oak
Lumber, amounting to \$3566.08 -

We have received the bill, and will
thank you to forward to Messrs. H. N.
Hosper & Co. Boston, by early vessel.
that part, say about \$2000. in cash -
& the balance of the bill to Messrs. A. & F.
Mills, New York, via canal & railroad -

In order to make this shipment by draft
we were compelled to put in a few kegs
of 392^{ds}

We shall before the closing of
navigation ship the other five tons, as usual -

Yours Very Respectfully
Geo. H. Pro. & Co.

War Department
Office Indian Affairs
November 23 1842

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of 8 inst asking what number of
medals shall be made of the different sizes -
We cannot do better than to adopt your suggestion
therefore request that you have completed sixty of the
largest and two hundred of the two smaller sizes -
It will be very agreeable to have them sent to this
office as early as possible -

Very respectfully
(The Hon Secy)

(Walter Forward)

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

18 Nov 1842.

Sir :

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and
return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq

Albion N. S.

Nov. 16th, 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will
issue your warrant in favor of the Treas-
ure of the Alton for eight thousand two
hundred dollars, ~~being~~ out of the appropriation
for the present year & viz.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks,	\$ 4,200
For Wages of Workmen,	4,000
	<u>8,200</u>

R. M. Patterson
Director

Wm. Walter Forward,
Secretary of the Treasury.

New York Nov 14th 1842

P. M. Patterson Esq
Director of Mint of U States
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have with some
a small package of gold sent per "Jacob Shipman"
Marked T.W.R. which we wish coined as usual
and shall feel much obliged by a return
of a Certificate of the Value thereof at as early
a period as may be convenient as it belongs to
a fund from South America who wishes to have her
on the 20th Inst - Thanking you in advance
for your usual prompt attention

We beg to remain
Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt

O. Benson & Battelle

P.S. Your favour of 12th Inst
with Refs for 15 Casks Copper Coin
in Barge "Cayuga" for use of Messrs
Crocker B & Co is just recd
EYB

Mint Wash
Nov. 12 / 59.

Sir,
I have received a letter from the Treasurer of the Mint at New Orleans, in which he states that there is now a great desire, at that place, to introduce the general employment of copper coins, and says that, if a supply could be sent from this Mint, he thinks a large amount might be exchanged for its equivalent in silver and gold. Such a transaction would be, on every account, desirable, and I am anxious and ready to enter upon it, but ~~as it is~~ I deem it improper to do so without the ~~as your~~ consent.

The 35th Sect. of the Mint Act of 1837, states, "that it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Mint to deliver the Copper Coins in exchange for their legal equivalent in other money, to any persons who shall apply for them." And the following Section says: "that the Copper coins may, at the discretion of the Director, be delivered in any of the principal cities and towns of the United States, at the cost of the Mint for transportation."

Now I would propose that ~~a number of~~ bags of cents ^{from time to time} should be sent from here to the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and placed in

the hands of the Treasurer of that Branch for distribution.

That the Treasurer of the Branch shall be considered as the Agent of the Treasury of this Mint in the business, and that he have made allowed to him a commission of one per cent. on the amount of coffee sold. — This was the commission allowed by the Treasury of the United States to his agent at Philadelphia, while, under the old mint laws, the distribution of coffee coins was made the duty of that officer.

That the expenses of transporting the coins, including insurance if deemed expedient, be paid by the Mint.

That the Treasurer of the New Orleans Branch Mint, as his capacity of agent, shall account with the Treasurer of this Mint, as his Principal who will of course account with the Department for these as well as all other coffee ^{and} transactions.

If the arrangement thus proposed ^{meets} shall receive your approbation, it shall be entered upon without delay.

To Wm. Forward,
~~Wm. Lewis~~
Sec. of Treasury

A. M. Patterson,
Director

Mount Vernon
Nov. 8, 1842

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 4th inst.,
I have to state, that all the dies for the Indian
Medals bearing the head of President Tyler are
^{engraved.} ~~cut~~ and one set is entirely finished, and
the other two will not be long delayed. No
time shall be lost in preparing the medals, and
forwarding them to you.

We have made our estimates for 600 medals
of the largest size, and 200 of the ^{two} smaller sizes.
It is of the smallest that the dies are finished.
Will you do me the favor to say how many of
these size you desire?

R.M.P.

To
J. Hartley Crawford, Esq.
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Framton 21st. 7. 1842.

P. M. Patterson Esq.
Director.

Dear Sir -

We have received your
estimated prices of the 24th. 23rd. 18th. 17th.
ordering two pairs of planches of
fine stone each -

We have ordered the small iron
casks which will be completed this
week - when we will have them packed
& shipped without delay -

Very Respectfully,
Yours.

Procter & Knapp

War Department
Office Indian Affairs
November 4, 1842

Sir,

On the 20 September last the sum of \$1,500 was
admitted to you, from the War Department, for the purpose
of defraying the expense of medals to be prepared at the
Mint for the use of the Indians. Nothing has been heard
from you on the subject since that date, and occasions
constantly occur in which the medals are required. I will
thank you therefore to have them prepared with as little
delay as possible & forwarded to this office.

Very respectfully
(The undersigned)

Wm. H. Crawford.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 3d, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I send enclosed a Memorandum of the product of your deposits made yesterday. In your letter, you state that this amount, in South America, was \$1305. You will see that an assay gives a result far short of this. Indeed, the first parcel was unusually poor, the second was about the average of Colombian gold dust. To produce \$1305, the gold must have been almost fine, which is far from being the case with any South American gold ever received here.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

W. Gregory Dominguez Esq.
64 Exchange Place
New York.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

3 Nov 1842.

Sir:

*Enclosed you will receive One — Treasury Draft
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the
same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign
and return to this office, by return of mail.*

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States

R. M. Patterson Esqr

— The proceeds here are \$1052 $\frac{54}{100}$. The first lot was uncommonly poor; the second was about the average of Colombian dust. — The amt. of \$1305 wd. have been realized, if the gold had been almost fine, which is far from being the case, with any S. Am. gold ever used here.

64
20
12 80
3 2
13 12

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 2. 1842.

Dear Sir,

The remittance of gold dust announced in your letter of the 31st ult. was received by us this morning. I now send you a receipt for it, according to the weight before melting; and will enclose a memorandum of the product as soon as this is ascertained.

J. V. M. F.
A.

To/ Gregorio Dominguez,
Care Exchange Place,
New York.

Albion N.Y.
Nov 1st, 1842.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to
state that the ~~same~~ amount of your deposit
made on the 26th ult. is ready for delivery, and
will be paid in gold coins to your order, endorsed
on the Mint receipt which was given to you. I
have enclosed a memorandum of the proceeds
of your deposit.

R. M. P.

Wm. L. Wagner, Esq.
York, Penn.

York Oct. 31. 1842

Sir,

On the 26th inst. I deposited $122\frac{92}{100}$ ounces
Gold bullion for coinage. Please inform me,
by mail, whether the coin is ready, and what
amt. is. I expected to call again before I
left the city, but had not leisure to do so.

Respectfully Yours
Saml. Mayner

Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Dept of the United States
Treasury Office Dec. 31 1842

Sir,

I herewith forward you
the quarterly statement ending this day,
as a Depository of the public money.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. Serv^{ts}

Wm. Selden Esq
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington

Washington, D.C. Dec 30th 48

Dear Sir

Your welcome letter of the 28th inst reached me this morning. I am truly happy to learn that though you despair of making any use of the designs which I enclosed, you were not displeased with them, apart from their incompatibility with existing regulations.

I have always considered the matter as one of great difficulty and the objections which you state to the several devices are very natural and I think might easily be made.

I should certainly prefer the eagle of the great Seal to that which now appears on the coin and though it is impossible to make it other than a conventional image, it might be rendered more imposing by modifying the form yet adhering to the posture and attributes.

I regard that clause of the law which requires that "Liberty" shall not only be present

but labelled also as false to that side of the coin. Liberty representing a negative idea does not easily take form or attributes. The fact that her own children require that her name be written upon her to prevent mistakes proved it. "The barbarous age of art" says a Greek historian "produced images so vague and imperfect that their authors feared to trust the public discernment and" wrote under what they intended to pass for a tree
"τοῦτο ἐνδὸς οὐκ ἔστιν."

They who fancy that real freedom depends in any way upon such juvenile adhesion to an undignated and childish conception, might get a different notion from a glance at the tower in the Grand Duke's Square in Florence, where that magic word inscribed by republican hands, has been allowed to remain in pure contempt by twenty successive princes, while the bayonets that gleam over below as the guard is relieved by day and night and the rattle of arms presented on the passing of each decorated minion, show the difference between words written and things done.

That the coinage is actually a good one for practical purposes there can be no doubt - perhaps it is unwise to endeavour to change it unless step by step with the advance of taste in the country, that such advance is making, I should want no better proof than the actual coin as compared with that of the commencement of this century.

I remain Dear Sir

Very respectfully Yours

Horatio Greenough

R. M. Patterson Esq

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.



Minst U.S.

Dec. 30, 1842.

Dear Sir, Above you have a bill of lading
of the remittance of coins, of which I gave
you notice yesterday,

R. M. P.

D.

To
Geo. Newbold Esq,
Pres. The American,
New York.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director U. S. Mint, Philadelphia

New York 30 Dec. 1842.

Dear Sir.

We are much indebted to you for the information received in your obliging favor of 27 inst., and now beg leave to send you, in charge of our friend, Mr John I. Winthrop, the following five Bars of French Gold, with request to return us the proceeds in half Eagles - by the Union Transportation Line - as soon as may be in your power; vizt

n ^o 8627	of 993	the	fr. wt	K ^s	5.880.5
23099	" 996	"	"	"	4.817.8
23296	" 998	"	"	"	4.638.-
23304	" "	"	"	"	6.256.8
8687	" 995	"	"	"	7.922.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

very respectfully yours,

Omne Mordanting

Minist of the U. S.

Dec. 29. 1842.

Dear Sir,

According to the request made in
your letter of yesterday, the proceeds of Messrs.
Arnold & Spinnecall's deposits, in dimes, will be
sent to you, by the Union Trans. Line, via Camden
& Ancey R.R., tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock,
or will reach New York, as I understand, about
9 or the following morning.

The amount of our Messenger's bill, for
Rep, bag, & portage, - \$3.50, - has been retained.

R. M. P.

D.

Mr. Arnold, Esq.,
Pres. Bk. America,
New York.

Minist of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28, 1844.

Dear Sir,

I fear you have been surprised at my
very neglect to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 10th inst., and I certainly owe you
an apology for it. I assure you, however, that
I have been greatly obliged and pleased by your
communications, and that your truly classical
sketches have led me more and more to regret
that, in the object which we have in view, we
should be so much confined by the bonds of
law. I must frankly state, however, that I
~~despair of~~ should both upon any attempt to
obtain the consent of Congress to any of your
beautiful designs for our coinage, as desperate.

Let me for a moment ^{consider what objections could be} ~~attempt~~ ^{made by} the ~~place~~
of a member of Congress, opposed, as many of
them always are, to every innovation, should
the sanction of law be asked for either of your
designs for the national coinage.

No. 1. — Liberty is put down, rejected.
Our fathers fought and died to obtain it, and now

their degenerate does reject even its emblem.
Ye. Ye. ~~The~~ ^{It is} eagle is, indeed, retained, but it is
the imperial eagle of Rome, not our own
bald-head: Ye.

Mr. D. The Indian Arm is characteristic enough,
but it is not emblematic. If we adopt, as our
motto with it, "e pluribus unum", out of many
grains our ear, - we shall be anticipating a
multiplication of states which all the land from
Cape Horn to the Arctic would not furnish.
Then, on the reverse, we have the goddess of Liberty
^{or her knees} kneeling, with her head bowed in a suppliant
posture, before the imperial eagle. [For heaven's
sake do not accuse me of entertaining any such
slandrous opinion of this exquisite ^{design.} ~~device~~.]

Mr. B. Industry and Plenty, - agriculture
and Mechanics. - I solemnly know what would be
the priority of attack against this device; but the
omission of both Liberty and the Eagle would
be seized upon certainly, and would, alone, be
fatal. Then there would be the want of in
these emblems, of any thing nationally character-
istic. - At the all, we should complain

of the groups being too large for our coins, espe-
cially those of small size.

I fear that the truly classical figure some
grains would be attacked as a Virginia field-
hand, and that our slanderers might assert that
we had substituted a ^{victim} ~~victim~~ of slavery, for the
goddess of Liberty.

I hope I need not again say that I do
not join in these criticisms; I hope, moreover,
that you do not suppose me so weak as to
imagine that any device can be found that
will not be the subject of attack and perhaps
of ridicule. To succeed in our attempt,
however, we must take care not to deviate too
far from the existing present coins, and it
would be very important to deviate, if pos-
sible, with care in accordance to it, to keep within
in the letter of the present law.

I pray you not to abandon an attempt
so important as that of improving our coins
as works of art and taste. I cannot advise
you with you: I do not feel competent. I
only know that too great a change from the

existing state of things would probably
under our present instructions.

The law by which we are now bound, is
as follows:

[Then copy Sect. 15 of Const Act. — "Before
the court be — — — omitted."

R.M.P.

Wm. Greenough, Esq.
Washington.

Dec. 28. 1792.

Washington.

Wm. Greenough,
Esq.

Kil. 12.411 @ 980 = Kil. 13.514.2 Standard,

" 30.478.5 " 995 = " 33.695.7 "

" 14.920.7 - 997 = " 16.528.8 "

57.810.2 63.738.7 "

Stand. K. 63.738.7 = Stand. Troy Ozs. 2049.60 = \$38,132.09

Mint charges for alloy, say 53.20
38,078.89

N.B. The assay of French bars is generally found about $\frac{1}{1000}$ too high - in which case the return would be some 38 dolls. less than the above.

Mint N.Y. Dec. 28/44.

Dear Sir,

The following is our estimate of the value of the gold bars referred to in your letter of yesterday.

12.411 Kil. at .980 = 13.514.2 K. Standard

30.478.5 " .995 = 33.695.7 "

14.920.7 " .997 = 16.528.8 "

57.810.2 = 63.738.7 "

63.738.7 K. Std. = 2049.60 Oz. Tr. Std. = \$38,132.09

Mint charges for alloy, say 53.20
\$38,078.89

The assay of French bars is generally found about one thousandth too high, in which case the return would be ~~about~~ some 38 dolls. less than the above estimate.

The delay of making the return ^{will} not be more than a week after the deposit is received.

Wm. Aug. Belmont, Esq.
New York.

R. M. P.

Bank of America Dec. 28. 1842

Dear Sir

With thanks for your obliging offer
to give us dinner at once for the Silver deposits
of \$0.201.¹⁰ I enclose herewith your Treasurer's
receipt ^{for} the Bullion, and I request of you the
favor to have the Case carefully put up, and
forwarded to this Bank by the Rail Road
line on Friday or Saturday next, advising us
thereof -

Very Respectfully & Truly
Yours
J. C. Newberr

Roll Patterson Esq
Director of the Bank
Philad.^a

Albion N.Y.

Dec. 28 / 42.

Dear Sir,

You have truly supposed that the commission with which you charged me in your letter of the 19th inst. was not a slight transaction. It has given ^{me} L. Sebastian Brown, & as an individual, to comply with your wishes.

I just ascertained that the bankers would charge you 2 per cent for the small coins you wanted. This I thought too much, and I therefore laid the case before my friend the President of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, who kindly consented to cash your check in Mexican dollars. Then some accordingly deposited for you in the bank, and I ~~was sent you~~ ^{will} send you ~~pro-~~ duced, clear of the charge for refining & alloy, \$1001.34. The coins will be ready in the course of next week, and shall be sent to you as you desire.

W. D. W. Howe, Esq.
Care of Mr. B. of Cape Fear,
Raleigh, N. C.

R. M. P.

Mint of the United States
Decr. 27th. 1842.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of yesterday, I present to you the following estimates,

3000 pieces of 20 fr. if new, say 1840-42, and not worn, would yield \$11,565; but if of mixed dates, and somewhat worn, they would not yield more than \$11,535, - perhaps even a little less. - On these there will be no mint charges.

The bars, supposing them to hold out the French weight and fineness would result as follows:

Kil. 5.880.5 - 189.10 oz. Fr. at .993 fine - 208.640 oz. Stand

4.817.8 = 154.92 " " .996 " = 171.445 " "

10.894.8 = 350.34 " " .998 " = 388.488 " "

7.922 = 254.74 " " .995 " = 281.629 " "

949.10

1050.202 " "

Value of the four bars, at these rates \$19,538.64

Deduction for alloy 30.60

\$19,508 04

The fineness may hold out the above rates, but generally it is found, as in the coins, one thousandth short, in which case the proceeds will be about \$19.60 less

The amount of your proposed deposit could be paid after a very short delay, certainly not exceeding a week if no other

deposit intervenes

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant

Wm. R.

Prince Wanda Sking
New York.

The 3000 fr. of 20 fr. , if new, say 1840-42, in
good and not worn, would yield \$11,565. 15
of mixed dates, and somewhat worn, they would
return more than \$11,535; perhaps a few dollars.
On these, there will be no Mint charges.

The bars, supposing them to hold out the
French weight & fineness, would result as follows:

	Oz. Troy		Oz. Troy
Kil. 5.880.5	= 189.10 @ .993 fine	=	208.640
4.817.8	= 154.92 " .996 "	=	171.445
10.894.8	= 350.34 " .998 "	=	388.488
7.922.	= <u>254.74</u> " .995 "	=	<u>281.629</u>
	<u>949.10</u>		<u>1050.202</u>
Value of the 4 bars, at these rates, \$ 19,533			
Deduct Mint charges ———— 3			
\$ 19,500			

The fineness may hold out the above rates, but
generally it is found (like the coinage) ~~too~~ the
short; in which case, there will be less about 19
\$ 19,458

The above estimates, tho' not very precise,
are as much so as the case will admit of.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Murfreesboro', N. C., Dec. 27th, 1842

Col. Jno H. Wheeler,

Dear Sir: The undersigned are glad to welcome you once more to your native village, and to congratulate you on your recent election, by the Legislature, as Treasurer of the State of North Carolina. They would be happy to extend to you all the hospitalities in their power, and invite you to a public dinner at such time as may suit your convenience.

Very respectfully,

JOHN VANN,

WILLIAM B. WISE,

PERRY CARTER,

JOHN W. SOUTHWALL,

ROBT. S. PARKER, ELY CARTER,

GEORGE SPIES, H. G. TRADER,

J. M. COWPER,

MAT. J. GRIFFITH.

Murfreesboro', N. C., 27th Dec., 1842

GENTLEMEN: I have received yours of this date, welcoming me to my native village—congratulating me on the recent election of Treasurer—and inviting me to a public dinner, at such time as may suit my convenience.

After the approbation of one's own conscience, the most grateful reward which a public servant can receive, is the cheering countenance of his friends and fellow-citizens.

From no portion of our State could the approbation of my career be more grateful, than yours. In your village I was born—here are the graves of my ancestors, but two generations—among you the days of my childhood were passed; a recollection of this period reminds me how innocent I once was, while your constant regard admonishes me how pure I should continue. When but a boy, you generously elevated me to place and power; in after years, sustained and supported me in my efforts; and at all times, though separated by distance, have proved my unwavering friends. To such conduct, my only inadequate return was a constant desire to act faithfully to every trust committed to my charge, and an abiding confidence in democratic principles. In the political deluge of 1840, which covered the whole face of the land with the waters of strife, sweeping with its remorseless tide all who had the temerity to oppose its "corrupted currents," it is not wonderful that an individual even as humble as myself should have encountered some of these waters of bitterness; but even if this were the case, the reproach is more than wiped off by the unequivocal testimony of the confidence and regard of my native State, to which you kindly allude, and by the cordial welcome tendered now by the friends of my youth.

Under any circumstances, I should be compelled to refuse the honor of a public dinner. I should have been most happy to have met my friends in social intercourse at any time; but my duties call me to Raleigh to-morrow morning, and I must trust to another and a more auspicious period, when I shall again visit you, and assure you personally how sincerely and truly

I am your friend and old servant,

JNO. H. WHEELER.

To John Vann, W. B. Wise, P. Carter, J. W. Southall, R. S. Parker, Ely Carter, Geo. Spies, H. G. Trader, J. M. Cowper, and M. J. Griffith.

R. M. Patterson Esq. Friend of F. Williams
Philadelphia
New York Dec. 27. 1842

Dear Sir,

I am expecting several shipments of a
Bulletin in News from France, which I may possibly
be in the way of forwarding to your mind for review.

Before doing so however I should like to know
the expense of carriage attending such an operation &
how long it would take, before you could make me the
return in ~~the~~ Review against the Book sent to you. -

I have you in charge any of our issues
of some of the Glaciers in expecting, & counting
you to make me as statements how much they will
yield in American Gold. - I remain

Yours most obedient and

Very truly
J. W. Williams

Exécuté à Monsieur J^e Belmont à New York par la Voie du ^{Navire}

8680. N^o. 12. 411.

ou 980^{ms}

81

8. 310.

82

6. 492

83

7. 865

N^o. 30. 478. 5. ou 995^{ms}

84.

7. 311. 5

85.

9. 373. 7

86.

7. 547.

14. 920. 7. . 997. ^{ms}

N^o. 57810. 2. En 7 lingots d'or fin.

Paris le 29^e novembre 1842.

R. M. Patterson Esq^r

Director U. S. Mint, Philadelphia

New York 26 Dec. 1842

Dear Sir,

If you could, without too much trouble, tell us how many Dollars in eagles or halves the under mentioned parcels of Gold would respectively produce by coinage at your Mint, and in what time returns therefor might be expected, we should be very much obliged to you for the information.

We are,

Dear Sir,

very respectfully yours

Wm. Woodbridge

over

3000 pieces of 20 francs

1 Bar of	$\frac{993}{1000}$	Paris w ^t Kr	5.880.5	=	189.10
1 " "	$\frac{996}{1000}$	" "	" 4.817.8		154.92
2 " "	$\frac{998}{1000}$	" "	" 10.894.8		350.34
1 " "	$\frac{995}{1000}$	" "	" 7.922.0		254.74
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			29.515.1		949.10

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Mont. Mch
Dec. 23 /42

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of yesterday announcing that you have
received from the Hon. Land & Surveys Office a receipt for a deposit
of \$6201.16, and re-
questing that we may furnish you with a check
for the amount.

In answer to your letter of yesterday, I have
to state, that the amount of \$6201.16, for which
you hold the Hon. Land & Surveys Office's receipt, can
be paid to you in check, as you desire,
not later than the 30th inst.

P. M. P.

Wm. Newbold, Esq.
Pres. M. S. Survey,
N. Y.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

23 Dec 1842.

Sir :

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and
return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq

Bank of America (Dec. 22. 1842)

Dear Sir

We have received from Messrs
Howland & Spinnance a blank Receipt for
Money deposited by them amounting to \$205.10
and I have to request of you the favor to
furnish us with money for the amount, and
as early as you conveniently can

I remain very respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.

Geo. W. Brown Esq

Roll Patterson Esq

Director U.S. Mint

Philad.

Baltimore, Dec. 22. 1842

To the Mint of the United States
Philadelphia.

By Adams's express we
send you a package containing
P. Invoice

471.74 Centigrams of old gold

64 1/2 do " Gold dust.

which please receive, and send us
as early as convenient a certificate
for proceeds same.

We are

Very respectfully

Yours obt. Svs.

Oriskany & Co.

D paid

New York, 22 December, 1872

A. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of U.S. Mint, Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

We have to acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of your favour of 19 instant, enclosing memorandum of our 5 bars silver, showing the satisfactory result of \$6201.16, the receipt for which we have endorsed to the Bank of America of this city.

We are, Dear Sir, respectfully

Your most obedient Servants

Howland & Aspinwall

Oz. 969.60.

2 m ^l gold = 2.155 ozs. stand ^d =	\$ 40.09
Parting @ 4 ct per oz	<u>38.78</u>
Balance	<u>1.31</u>

Mint 11.5.

Dec. 21. 1842.

Gentlemen,

The bar mentioned in your letter of the 19th was twice assayed for gold, and was found to contain two thousandths of this metal. This would give, in the 969.60 oz. of the deposit 2.155 oz standard gold, equal to \$40.09 in value. The cost of parting, at 4 cents per oz, would be \$38.78, - the balance \$1.31. Now according to the Mint regulations, parting is never done for the benefit of the depositor when the net proceeds are less than \$5. Hence the bar in question could not be reported for gold.

R. M. P.

Dr.

To
James Pryor, Sons,
Boston

Branch to Road to Cape Fear
Raleigh N.C. Decr 19. 1842.

Dear Sir,

We are very much in want here of
Journals, Diaries, Half Diaries, & Quarters, and for
the purpose of procuring them, I have taken the
liberty of enclosing you the within check on
the Farmers & Merchants Bank Philadelphia, for
\$1,000- and have to beg the favor of you to
send me in Diaries \$300.

" 1/2 Do 200-

" in Quarters 500-

addressed to me as Cashier of the Cape Fear
Bk at Raleigh N.C. & shipped to the care of
Thos. H. Wright Cashier at Wilmington N.C. - to
which place I believe there is a regular Packet
running once a month from your City - where
shipped please have it insured and retain
out of the Quarters whatever may be necessary
to pay expenses, &c.

I think it probable that I am asking you
to do for me things beyond your usual busi-
ness - if so please get some competent Agent
to attend to the business for me. & request him
to retain his pay out of the Quarters -

Res.

much to acknowledge the receipt of
the money when the coin can be furnished
to you with very much oblige

With much respect

Yrs. Most Obedt Servt

Wm. H. Patterson

J. W. Head

Director of the Mint

London

Philadelphia

Wm. H. S.

Dec. 19. 1842.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your request, I send enclosed a memorandum of the proceeds of your deposits made on the 17th inst. It is remarkable that all the silver should have proved to be of absolute purity.

Very resp

R. M. V.

L

Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall,

New York.

Boston 19th Dec 1842

R. M. Johnson Esq
U. S. Mint, Phila.
A Sir

Your esteemed letter of 15th inst. with enclosure, being duly to hand, on examination of the Certificate, we think there has been no mistake made, in the Bar No 36 (package B 11) it is ascertained to us as containing 35 grains of Gold, the value thereof we make \$101.58. as per calculation below.

The Bar is marked \$25. 11.93 20 gr. ~~50 gr~~ 101.58. The Mint Certificate is 940.50. 969.00 ^{by adding 90 gr} 1000 grains \$1232.27 - 19.07 = \$1213.20 the sum not showing any Gold, with your letter. Hence the Bar letter again & informs us of this amount.

We shall probably receive another of this kind of coins, to draw the same coin as, or part of it, in the course of this week.

Very Respectfully
Wm. A. B. Francis
James M. Lloyd & Son

Gold ... 35 grains
multiplied by weight ... 131.4675

53
1312.5
5392.7
2415
16465
95290
110151.900

grains of pure weight in 2.015 etc

Mint of the U. S.

Dec. 19. 1842.

Sir,
I have the honor to request that
you will issue your warrant, in favor
of the Treasurer of the Mint, for ten thou-
sand three hundred dollars out of the
appropriation for incidental expenses for
the present year, viz:

For Contingent Expenses	—	\$8,000.
“ House	—	2,000.
“ Office	—	300.
		<u>\$10,300.</u>

R. M. P.

D.

To Mr. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

Anti-Sl.

Dec. 15/44.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your request
I send enclosed memorandums of the proceeds
of your deposits made on the 12th inst. -
The amount can be paid, to your order, in coin,
in the course of next week.

P.M.T.

[Signature]

To/
Messrs. James Boyd & Sons,
Boston.

Bank of America (Oct 14. 1842)

Dear Sir

Mr. Becken & Parshat will
either this day or tomorrow place in the
allent for acct of this Bank the sum of
\$25000 - on the receipt of the money you
will please apply it in payment of the
Treasury transfer draft on this Bank for the
like amount now held by the allent, and you
will be pleased to transmit to me the draft,
with the receipt of your Treasurer thereon

Very respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.

Geo. W. Beebe Esq

Rich Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philad^a

Miss M. L.
Dec. 14, 1844.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 12th, consenting to the
transfer made in mine of the 9th, is but another
example of the liberality of the Institution
over which you preside. The amount of
the transfer draft, — twenty five thousand
dollars, — has been paid to us, in specie, by
Messrs. Parshall, Beebe & Co., — and the draft
has been accordingly placed in their hands, and
will be presented to you by them.

P. M. P.

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To
Gen. A. A. Phelps, Esq.,
President of the Bank of America,
New York.

Bank of America (Dec. 12, 1842)

Dear Sir

I have this morning received
your letter of the 9th inst. advising me that the
Treasurer of the United States, a US Treasury
transfer draft on this Bank payable on the
1st of Jan. next for \$25,000, and requesting me
to advise you whether we were agreed to pay
the said draft before it becomes due -
In reply I have the pleasure to inform you
that we will pay the draft within the
present week, or whenever you shall request
it -

I remain with great respect
Your obt. Servt

J. C. Newberry Esq

Roll Patterson Esq

Director US Mint

Philad.^a

Minist of the United States.

Dec. 14, 1844

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th, and I thank you for the liberality which you have shown in consenting to my request for an advance of the amount, (\$50,000,) of the Treasury transfer-draft on you in our favor. The arrangement which you propose has been this morning effected with the Philadelphia Bank, and the amount of the draft has been paid to us, in full, in specie.

P. M. P.

Wm. P.

To

Geo. Curtis, Esq.

Curtis Bank of Commerce,

New York.

Bank of Commerce in New York

Dec 12. 1842

Dear Sir,

I have rec^d your fax of 9th Inst and beg to reply that it will be quite convenient for us to meet the Transfer Drafts referred to through the Philadelphia Bank. If you can negotiate with Mr. Trevor to hold the drafts until maturity and then forward it to us, we will on our part refrain from drawing on him until our balance in his Bank shall amount to \$50,000 and will not diminish our balance below that sum until 1st Jan^y, when the transfer may be completed in due form. We have now in his hands between 30 & 40,000 dollars. In order that we may regulate our drawings on him, I have to ask the favor of an immediate answer.

I am very respectfully

Yours O^bd^t Serv^t

Geo. Custer Esq

Am Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Washington, D. C. Dec 10th 42

Dear Sir

Agreeably to the suggestions of your second letter, I herewith transmit several sketches of coins, made without reference to the existing law. I regret that not having with me my portfolios, I am forced to send rude outlines made from memory instead of accurately elaborated designs.

In No 1 you will remark that I make one more desperate struggle to drive the heraldic eagle off the field. I need not say how much more of symmetry is attainable in lettering the face of this coin, even in retaining its general features.

To the group of corn in No 2 I am very partial, not only because it is one of the few fruits which form a staple from Maine to Georgia, but because it strikes me as capable of much variety and richness of effect, added to a simplicity always desirable.

I send these sketches that I may learn your objections to them and that I may be guided in my future efforts. Requesting that you will retain them for me as they are but sketches I remain

Dear Sir very respectfully
Your friend & servant

R. M. Patterson Esqr
U. S. Mint.

Horatio Greenough

Mint 11.5
Phil^a Dec 9. 1842

Dear Sir,

The Treas. of the Mint holds a loan,
for draft on your Bank, from the Treas. De-
partment, payable at Philad^a, on the 1st Jan.
next for \$25,000.

If it would not be inconvenient for you
to pay the amt. to us before the 1st proximo,
your doing so would be a great convenience
to the Mint. Let me know whether this will
be in your power, & thus we are more obliged
Your faithful servant

R. M. P.
D.

To
Mr. Nathaniel S. S.,
Pres^t of the American,
New York.

Mint U.S.

Dec. 9. 1842.

Dear Sir

The Treas. of the Mint holds a trans-
fer draft from the Treasury Department,
on your Bank, payable at Philad^a, on
the 1st Jan. next, for \$50,000.

If it would not be inconvenient for
you to pay the amt. before it falls due, your
doing so would be a great convenience to the
Mint, & you will confer an obligation on me
by letting me know whether this will be
in your power.

D. M. P.

To

Cashier of the
Bank of Commerce
New York

Min't of the United States,
Treasury Office. Dec. 8th 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th. inst. enclosing three drafts as follows:

No. 17. on the Philadelphia Bank, payable in demand for \$25,000.
18. on the Bank of Commerce at N.Y. payable to order for \$50,000.
19. on the Bank of America at N.Y. payable to order for \$25,000.

which sums, upon receipt, I will place to your credit in the books of this Institution as directed by you.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.

(signed) Jas. Reed
Treasurer.

To Wm. Selden, Esq.
Treasurer of the U.S.

Baltimore. Dec 5th 1842.

Sir, The seal by Mr. Gussword
Eleven boxes Mexican Bar Silver which
you will please receive I have
requested our friends Messrs Robert Crichton
to call for the receipt & also the
certificate of value when ready.

This Silver is considered to be of a superior
quality & usually contains some Gold.

We are

With much respect

Yours &c.

J^{rs} Wilson & Son

To The Directors of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Mont Wd

Dec. 5
Philadelphia, ~~Nov. 29~~ 1842.

Sir,
The box of minerals which you brought
over for James Steel Esq. was left with me
this morning. They are not of a kind to which
we could undertake the analysis, and, indeed,
they are too well characterized to need any
such examination. The heavy black portions
are an oxide of iron, strongly magnetic;
the yellowish parts are of sulphuret of iron,
or iron pyrites. The last is useless: the
first, if abundant, might be valuable

R. M. P.

Wm. Edwards Burke,
House of Representatives,
Washington.

Union State Philadelphia
Dec. 4th 1842.

Sir,

Accompanying this is a box of
minerals collected by my son by James
Neal Esq. of Kentucky U.S. on whose
property they were found. He has
been informed (or he says) that min-
erals sent to the U.S. Mint by a
member of Congress, will be ana-
lyzed free of expense, and the
results communicated to the
member presenting them. For
that reason he has entrusted to
my son the box of minerals
which you will receive with
this letter. You will do me the
favor to acknowledge the receipt
of the box & contents in a letter
addressed to me at Washington, and
also communicate to me the results
of the analysis, if you make one.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Edmund Burke

To the Superintendent,
of the U.S. Mint, Phila.

Minist of the United States

Dec. 3d, 1842.

Sir,

Our present government deposits stand
as follows:

Gold	\$ 57,678.58
Silver	47,282.36
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	104,960.94

Now it is a consequence of this small amount, particularly of silver, that our returns to depositors are so long delayed as to give rise to just complaints.

Between the 17th of August and the 9th of Nov., our House deposited with us \$215,500 for coinage, and was subjected to an average delay of 25 days in receiving their returns. — This House has, however, escaped the injury from loss of interest, by an arrangement with the Philadelphia Bank, which made advances on the Mint Certificates, for \$100 on every \$1000; — an operation which seems to be to the advantage of both parties, and especially to the Bank, since it gets a premium, though a small one — runs absolutely no risk, — ~~does~~ increases its amount of specie, — and really loses nothing by delay, since the possession of specie in our vaults is as good a security for their paper currency.

time as if it were in their own. — I am informed, however, by the Treasurer in question, that the Philadelphia Bank refuses to continue its arrangement any longer, in consequence of our delay in making returns, and requires full interest for the time during which the advance is made.

Now in the operations of the mint, a large amount of bullion must always ^{be} ~~omit~~ in the form in transit, through the several departments. It is in bars, in ingots, on the refining test, in solution, in strips, in planchets, in clippings, &c. — and it is impossible to make our payments promptly, unless the public deposits be equal to the amount of bullion thus under operation. But, with the present business of the mint, the deposits in bullion are ^{on} sufficient for this purpose, and hence the delay which, "an inconvenience and loss to our depositors, and a mortification to us.

Under these circumstances, I must respectfully beg that you will increase of the Mint deposits, by the amount of at least \$100,000 ~~dollars~~. I understand that the United States has a large sum in deposits at the Philadelphia Bank. Such part of it as you

Time of Deposit	Am't deposited	When paid	Am't paid
Augt. 17	20,000	Sept. 8	20,122.95
" 23	15,000	" " 16	15,105.38
" 25	15,000	" " 14	15,101.77
" 27	20,000	" " 12	20,124.67
Sept. 9	11,000	Oct. 12	11,094.42
* " 20	8,100	" " 22	8,171.58
" 21	15,000	" " 21	15,099.56
Oct. 4	17,000	" 22	17,114.55
* " 7	22,100	Nov 8	22,201.62
" 21	13,000	" " 18	13,150.04
" 25	15,300	" 23	15,360.33
* " 26	over 10,000	" " 28	10,311.35
Nov. 8	" 13,000	" " 15	13,225.72
" 9	19,000	" " 14	19,019.39
	<u>215,500</u>		<u>217,201.33</u>
		Average = 25 days	

* Besides about \$60,000 in smaller deposits of from 2 to 8 thousand dollars, by the same depositors

Balance of U. S. Bullion Account — Gold \$57,678.58
Silver 47,282.36
104,960.94

See of W.

Dec. 3. 1842.

not sent.

may be proper to transfer to the chief clerk
certainly he is as secure keeping, and it will
be always accessible to the government, when
on a short notice, when required. ~~From hence~~
It is well known how important the chief
deposits was to the ^{government} ~~Department~~ during the sus-
pensions and subannuities of 1837 and 1841.

P.M.P.



Prof
Hon. Walter Forward
Sec. of the Treasury.

improvement could be shown to be as great as the
appearance of the coins, as in the security from
mistakes, I think that Congress would not refuse
to sanction it.

In your ^{observations} ~~present~~ as to the objects to
be kept in view in devising a new coin making
the present new devices, I heartily concur
with you.

I shall be much gratified to see your designs.
If you can select ~~devices~~ one to suit your own
best views, I must then ask you to ^{prepare} ~~submit~~ the
medallions ~~from~~, and with regard to them there
will be many points, ~~of~~ having a prominent
bearing upon the coinage, to which we must call
your attention.

In copying your designs, I wish you to be as
free from restraint as possible. You see that I
would not have you bound even by existing
laws, much less by suggestive instructions or even
suggestions from me. What you shall devise,
I feel confident that we can execute. It is the
artist that we want, not the mechanician.

I am, dear Sir, very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. D.

Of
Horatio Greenough, Esq.
Washington.

Taunton Dec 5. 1842

R. M. Allison Esq.
Director.

Dear Sir

We duly received
your letter of the 25th ult. & have
examined our bills of the last period
of plants, made conformably to your wishes.

In reply to your inquiry, on what terms
we will supply "plants" payable in gold
& silver or their equivalents, - and payment
to be delayed for such reasonable time as will
enable you to make sale of the cuts - we
have to say that we will deliver them
in Phil^a without expense at 30 cents per doz.

We should like to hear from you as soon
as convenient on the subject, that we may
make arrangements to supply the plants
without delay.

We are

Yours Respectfully
Cochran & Drowley

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